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# About TDC

Teen Digital Cooperative (TDC) is an educational summer program that is hosted through the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, that teaches media production skills that explores specific themes and issues important to teens.

This summer, TDC learned contemporary media production skills such as photography, video production, and design using photoshop to connect with the work of 3 Boston-based artists that won the ICA's Foster Prize. TDC explored the ideas of "Home" and "Transformation" after learning about the collective work of Cicely Carew, Venetia Dale, and Yu-Wen Wu . This zine includes responses to the artists' work from TDC members as well as original poetry, photography, design, and videos.

During their time in TDC, they compiled this work and collaborated with one another to create this digital zine. All of the content is representative of the individual TDC members and not a representation of the ICA Boston

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# CICELY CAREW

While exploring lively color, dream-like textures, and otherworldly shapes, Cecily Carew has established herself as one of Boston's most talented creators. Cecily delves into an illusive and surrealist world as she makes comments that balance themes of the human experience and abstract observations. She has earned public art installations and multiple awards for her ethereal type work. These awards include the St. Botolph Club Foundation Emerging Artist award (2021), BYN Mellon Blanche E. Colman award (2022), and the ICA Boston's James and Audrey Foster Prize (2023). Carew has proved herself deserving of the Foster Prize, not only through her Boston-based location, but through her artistic themes built around change and transformation.







## Integration

“...I feel like this connects to home because there are a lot of different kinds of colors and different kinds of art mediums that are coming together in one piece, and in home lots of different people from different backgrounds with different identities come together to create a home. I think this theme relates a lot to diversity and themes about home because of the different things that are coming together in this piece. I feel connected to the piece because I can understand all the chaos coming together to create something

“...There are many emotions that are expressed to me. It shows the emotion of being free and being your whole self. This connects to home would be the piece tells me a story of how open and inspirational a person or an interaction can lead you through your own path in life.”



## To Be A Bridge



# Venetia Dale

Venetia Dale, a mother and sculptor living in Boston, creates art using multiple mediums, including fibers, rug-making, fabrics, embroidery, and metal, to fully articulate her themes of change, growth, and her life as a mother. Her art explores these themes through unconventional materials, such as casing leftovers from her household meals in pewter.

Her out of the box thinking and unique progression found in her art have granted her multiple spots in exhibits. These exhibits include the National Museum of Women in the Arts, The Racine Art Museum, 92nd Street Y Tribeca Gallery, Proof Gallery, SOIL Gallery, and was the 2019 Polly Starr Thayer Visiting Artist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.







The Gathering Of Something:  
Pig

Venetia Dale created a sculpture that was constructed from her childrens' orange peels and then molded in pewter, titled The gathering of something: pig. This piece directly connects to home because it shows the deep connection that the artist has with her children, by taking inspiration from the things they may do in everyday life. The theme this piece most relates to is what you embrace most in your home. From viewing this work and knowing the context, it may be fair to say that Dale has deep admiration for her children and loved ones. Overall, this piece allows the viewer to make connections within their own lives since it solidifies the idea of what one looks for the most within their home.

"The artwork is a piece of embroidery made with flowers, it illustrates an unfinished cross made with hand embroidered flowers. This piece connects to home via the flowers and the cross, it could represent religion and the feeling of incompleteness it can bring you, the piece can also represent the beauty of nature. This piece most relates to the theme of nature and the carnival of colors we find in all the different types of flowers that exist. This piece of art makes me connect to my love of nature and the peace and joy that flowers bring me."



Piecing Together:  
Here's to Delight And Use



# Yu-Wen Wu

Born in Taipei and based in Boston, Yu-Wen Wu uses themes of arrival, origins, and identity to fully form her artworks which are based on her personal experiences and those of others. Using an array of different materials, Wu has created several public art installations and personal works that exemplify the stories of her own and the stories of others. Her wide variety of works have earned her several exhibits and awards, including, Lantern Stories (2020-22), We Belong (2022), Terrain (2016), and multiple more. Through her themes of change, displacement, rites of passages, she has earned herself a rightful position in the ICA's James and Audrey Foster Prize exhibition.







## Lantern Stories: Boston

"Change is constant, that's why memories are so important. Just like how Yu-Wen Wu created a bunch of lanterns for everyone in San Francisco's Chinatown to display and commemorate their memories. The reconstruction of my neighborhood that happened before the start of this summer, going from the past red brick buildings before, to the nicer buildings now, led to me reflecting on how much better my neighborhood is now. Which is similar to how the people in Chinatown reflected on how much they had grown from their past, through the lanterns. The lesson of both examples is that, in order to face the future it's always good to remember the past, in order to move on to better things."

"Clouds are everywhere, when you look out the window there are usually clouds in the sky, it is something we see everyday. Everytime I look at clouds, it reminds me of calmness and weight. I'm sure most people have done this before, but have you ever looked at clouds and made a mental picture from the figure of them? This is what this work reminds me of. It reminds me of a calm state of mind, being able to bend your mind to what you remember/experienced. This makes me connect to the experiences of staring at the clouds from my childhood and now. When I was a child, whenever I looked at the clouds, I could shape it into things like mermaids or birds. Now, whenever I see clouds I can shape it into things in my imagination, like family members or ideas. It's hard to explain, but the differences of how I shape and think of clouds before to now connect to how clouds can show the change of a mind over time."



## Clouds, Temporarily Visible



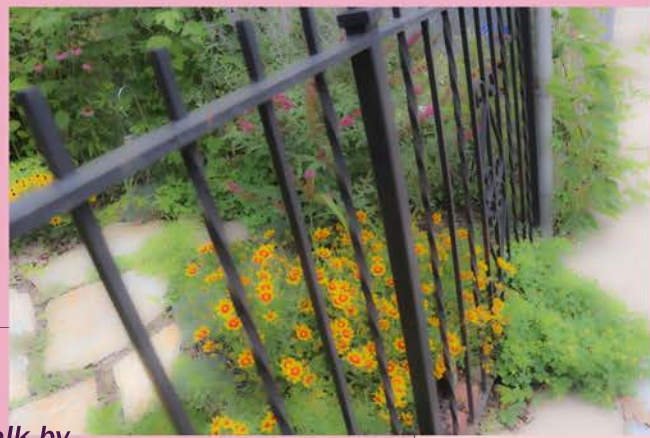


# ★ HOME

## THE PHOTOS I HANG ON MY WALL

*the photos on the wall stare me down as a walk by,  
and when i glance up they freeze  
as if i will threaten their disguise  
memories long forgotten float my way  
and i can almost see the scene unfold in front of my eyes  
a memory so sweet it feels bitter on my tongue  
and as i start to walk away, the warmth of home fills my day  
a day long forgotten but soon remembered  
and as i start to walk away  
the warm memory fills my home and my heart  
the photos on my wall surround my house with love throughout the day*

# &



# TRANSFORMATION







Hello

my name is

Tia



-What do you embrace most at home?

"The kitchen, and being able to share those experiences with my sisters."

"I really enjoy being with my friends and those who I consider my family... really just spending time with each other..."

Hello

my name is

Socks





Sean  
me  
babes

# MOON GIRL

by YASMEEN M.

In the eyes of a moon girl,  
She is always staring off into the sky.

Birtherd by a given light.  
Moon girl owns the night.

She lives among the stars  
Moon girl we wish to know  
In a place that's far  
Where the night sky's always aglow

She watches from her perch up high  
As the world below sleeps  
And her heart can't help but sigh  
As the silence around her creeps

For even though she's lonely  
moon girl is never alone  
For her community is always there  
A comforting, cosmic home

The stars twinkle and dance  
To the rhythm of her heart  
And the moon girl starts to feel  
Like she's always been a part



# a reflection of the mind

the photos on my wall are a reflection  
of my mind

the posters on my wall are my music,  
covers to my parents old cds and  
cutouts from my favorites magazines

the photos on my wall are my memories  
polaroids i took in italy and and

photobooth reels of my friends and i

the pictures on my wall are my art  
my best drawings and paintings hang  
proudly from the top of my wall

the walls of my house are my life  
protecting and sheltering the hope and  
love of my family





Hello  
my name is

Leili



"I don't remember a time where I was ever an only child. Each of my siblings have changed my whole entire world, in the best ways possible."

"I feel like my neighbors are taking care of me and others by checking in with them"



Hello  
my name is

Hwaok





***Before***



***After***



**Corner store**

**Pictures of stores within a mile**



**Stop & Shop**



**Target & Mattress firm**



**Interview w/ Mom**



## ***Acrostic Poem***

***Home is the place where  
you feel the most  
comfortable.***

***One essential feature of a  
home is love.***

***Memories of loved ones  
and home are the most  
precious.***

***Eternal contentment is  
associated with home.***



Keep Dreaming

Tamagotchi.



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Blue ember rain  
She is a cloud  
Starbound and struck  
By a song she'd forgotten  
But I'd still blaze away  
I received  
From the birds I've  
shipped me  
Leather gloves couldn't  
Reward her sympathy  
I remember



Melody

My loves

Still in water, still engulfed



Mother



And Own it all!





Hello  
my name is

Donicely

"What does home mean to me?  
Home ...it's a feeling. So home  
means safety, home means family,  
home means.. stability, love and  
safe space. Home is your sanctuary,  
and your temple."

"I was born and raised in Boston and  
back in the 60s and 70s where I  
grew up... it was predominantly all  
Asians. You know, that's where we  
were all segregated so to speak, in  
that particularly small area"

Hello  
my name is

wendy





# What Makes

## A home?



A whale has no definitive home,  
it swims with its parents, who play with it, feed it,  
and protect it from the ocean,  
that's what the whale embraces,  
A whale will spend most it's life with its parents,  
They raise him, they teach him,  
and they make him the best he can be,  
That's what the whale embraces  
A whale will eventually leave his parents  
and although they don't want to,  
that's what they raised him to do,  
but that's still what the whale embraces  
I am a human,  
I have no definitive home  
that's because home is not a place  
Home is wherever they welcome me  
And that's what I embrace



I grew up with the smell of vanilla and cakes  
The atmosphere was open air like the ocean, and landry.  
The constant love is an embrace of hugs and kisses

My constant silent conversations  
Emotional vulnerability  
Weird jokes that lead to the whole house sounding like a circus of giggles

There's my mom who is the hero with battle stories,  
Telling me bed time stories with life lessons and more jokes being endless.  
The morning sounds like :  
Chemical romance  
Linkin park  
David Bowie and prince!  
With the splash of Elton john

The energy is a warm blanket  
Its like oatmeal and peanut butter  
The descriptions of my family is like a triangle,  
That has edges that can either pierce your words or your face if caught on the wrong sides.

Either way, my love is the sun ray on my brown skin that can / has shaded darker when under the eyes too long.



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fair. It is too de  
tations, to waste a  
have  
Waldo

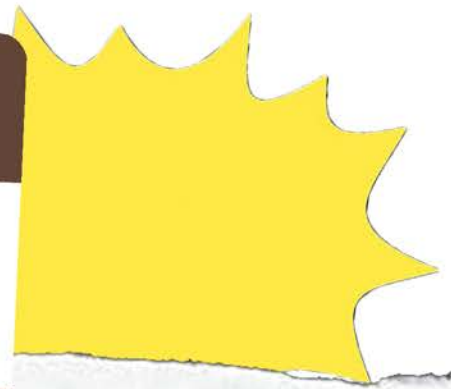






Hello  
my name is

Shalon



"My home has pieces of people that I have loved over the years, it's very lived in. I don't like homes that are empty. It looks great in the magazines. But... I like walking into my living room and seeing my daughter's legos that she put together."

"It is really important that my personality is reflected in my personal space."



Hello  
my name is

Shalese





# Learn My Home

*What is home?*

*The sound of laughter as you converse,  
the silly fights of the innocent...*

*That is home.*

*The love of your siblings is together,  
and the weight of the world feels like a feather.  
This is home.*

*Games on til 9,  
Playing together because everything is fine.  
That is my home.*

*6 Years later*

*An empty home is all that stands,  
all the siblings have went and ran.  
What once was full is now gone.  
Is this still home?*

*Left alone to grow is what remains,  
and what was once there is now drained.  
Is this home?*

*In my heart love still lingers,  
but in this home, love stays still*

*These walls hold the memories of what was  
previously there,  
how could any of this be fair?  
Why is this now home?*

*I'm left to remember what once was,  
and continue with the days I never thought would  
come.*

*This is now my home.*



What You Seek, You Shall Find





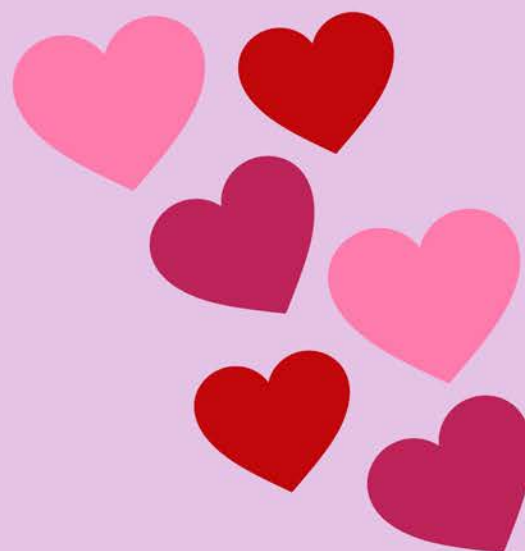
# Home

Home is a place where I have my family/  
friends who care about me, make me laugh,  
annoyed and happy.

Home is where I feel safe and loved.

Home is where I can share secrets, ask for  
advice, and ask for help

I am grateful for my home and the people/  
things that are in it cause without my house,  
I wouldn't be the person I am now.







Hello  
my name is

Carlos



-What mentality did you grow up with?

"...that I have to respect the older people around my house, and also anywhere... that you have to respect no matter who the person."

-Do you associate home with a feeling or place?

"...both. It is a place with a lot of feelings, home is a place with a lot of feelings for me."



Hello  
my name is

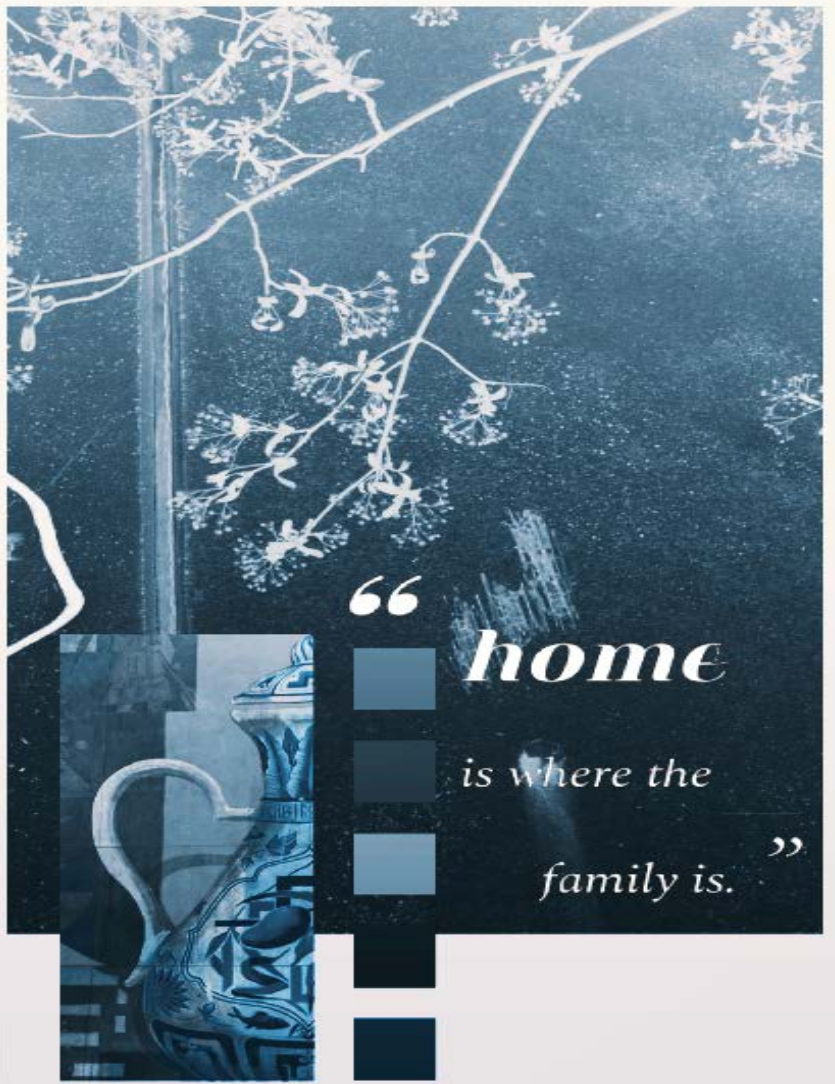
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“  
*home*  
is where the  
family is.”

“  
*story* of home for me, still means  
a childhood New Year's Eve banquet  
my parents prepared days ahead of time..  
*crimson* envelopes and new clothes  
we got on the first day of the New Year.”







# Welcome lovers

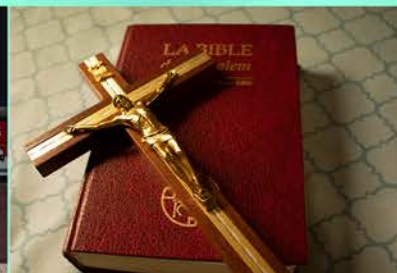


*I settled in the  
chambers of your heart and called it home  
yet they wonder if i ever feel alone. They don't  
know that your presence is like a safe haven, the missing  
piece of the puzzle that is my life. You bring me joy, you  
make my soul dance on a beat that our hearts made with the  
echo of our laughter, your beauty is the only thing that eases the  
pain humanity brings. in your arms I feel comfort, maybe  
because by your side the idea of falling only feels safe.  
You put a smile on my face that never wants to  
leave. You are my muse, my idea of  
paradise....*

## Essentials...



## Home sweet home...



## The beauty of nature...







Hello  
my name is

Dubem



-What does home mean to you?

"I think home means consistency. Home is like a promise, it's like a grounding tool... it's a place that you can evolve and it will evolve with you."

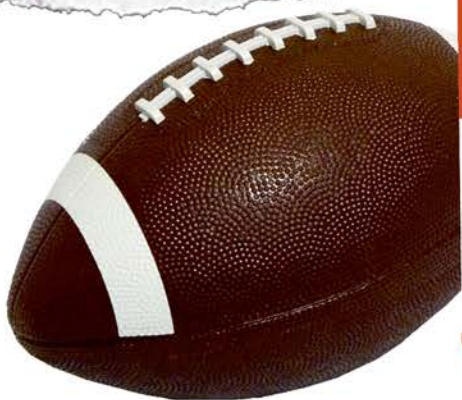
-Do you associate home with a feeling or a place?

"I associate home with multiple places where I feel like I could go and do things I enjoy without feeling like I have to change for anybody."



Hello  
my name is

Amír







M y c r e a t i v i t y i s e n d l e s s



It's like Kyrie with a ball

Frank with a mic

Me with a camera...

The thoughts are e n d l e s s

Until they get                      stopped.

Like the end of a song,

The end of a game.

It's like the end of a chap

It's a build up for whats to come next, Right?

Right?





