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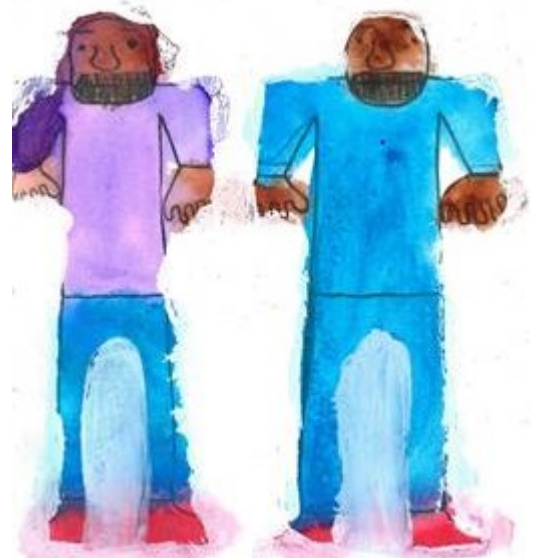
Gateway Arts presents *Celebrating Artists of Color*, an [online](#) and In-Store exhibition, concurrent with Gateway Arts' [Annual Summer Sale](#).

July 10 2020, Brookline, MA –  
*Celebrating Artists of Color, Summer 2020*

**This exhibition aims to amplify the voices and perspectives of Black People and People of Color.**

This group exhibition features the work of Black, Indigenous, and Latinx artists who work or have worked in the studios of Gateway Arts, a studio art center for individuals with disabilities.

**Collectively**, we gain understanding through hearing these individuals' unique voices.



The works on view depict a range of subjects as distinct and idiosyncratic as their makers, from Jamilah Monroe's anthropomorphized animals in her collages, to **Darryl Richards'** exquisite *Ice Cube* rendered in fibers on cardboard. Personal narrative figures prominently, such as in **Jordana Simpson's** Untitled portrait with the face mask inscription, 'I am not a virus' and **Rotimi Osinubi's** *Two Rotimis* and *I Ride the Green Line*. Whimsy and imagination, such as in **Chuck Johnson's** *City Scene*, and **Emmanuel Preston's** *Dreamy* are depicted with grace, and interiors, such as those by **Cathy Anderson**, **Betty Antoine**, and **Farah Faustin**, are carefully rendered.

The ongoing struggle for justice and equality for Black People in America is a thread gleaned throughout, and especially in the courageous work of **Ashley Barbour** in *Ruby Bridges* and *Breonna Taylor* and **Jordana Simpson's** Untitled work.

Across media, subject matter, and approach, each artist has found a way to deliver an expression of their experiences in a style all their own, and we are all the better for having a view. At Gateway, artists work in a vibrant environment of conversation, advocacy, and support.

Gateway Arts is pleased to present this exhibition, which will be a buy-off-the-wall show viewed by appointment, with new works added on a rolling basis, held in The Gateway Store at 60 Harvard St., Brookline, as well as online, at [gatewayarts.org](#). Artists receive a 50% commission on all art sold through Gateway Arts. To make an appointment, contact Loel at [westermannL@vinfen.org](mailto:westermannL@vinfen.org).

**Image Credit:** Rotmi Osinubi. *Two Rotimis*. Mixed media on paper.

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### **About Gateway Arts**

Gateway Arts provides individualized art-based services to adults with disabilities that enable them to create meaningful lives and careers in art. Located in Brookline Village, Gateway Arts serves over 100 talented adults in the greater Boston area through its arts programming, store, and gallery. Artists receive opportunities for local, national, and international recognition and sales, and an industry standard 50% commission on the sale of their work. Gateway Arts is a service of Vinfen, New England's most comprehensive provider of human services to individuals with disabilities. For more information and online shopping, please visit [gatewayarts.org](http://gatewayarts.org).

### **About Vinfen**

Established in 1977, Vinfen is a nonprofit, health and human services organization and a leading provider of community-based services to individuals with disabilities. Each year, Vinfen provides a comprehensive array of services to adolescents and adults with psychiatric conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities, brain injuries, and behavioral health challenges. Vinfen's 3,100 dedicated employees are experienced, highly-trained professionals who provide a full range of supportive living, health, educational, and clinical services in 318 programs throughout eastern Massachusetts and Connecticut.