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**SPACE Program: A Black Art Ecology of Portland (BAEP)
Presents *BAEP Takes Place* on March 7, 2020 at
*Portland Institute for Contemporary Art***

BAEPTakes Place | 4:00-6:00 PM

4:00 PM Pop-Up Exhibition, doors open

4:30 PM Artist Presentations

5:30 PM Open Dialogue / Q&A

Food by Everybody Eats PDX and DB Desserts. Beer and wine will be provided.

Mobile Projection Unit | 6:00-8:00 PM

The intersection of N Vancouver Ave. and NE Hancock St.

This will be outdoors, please dress accordingly for the weather.

BAEPTakes Place Pop-Up Exhibition

Opening: Saturday, March 7 | 4:00-6:00 PM

March 10 - March 13 | 12:00-6:00 PM

Closing: March 14 | 12:00-4:00 PM

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PORTLAND, OR - A Black Art Ecology of Portland (BAEP) is a multi-discipline, multi-sited, multi-year project stewarded by artist Sharita Towne that devotes resources to Black art and community in Portland, OR. In its launch event, *BAEP Takes Place*, Towne with key artists and organizers will introduce BAEP's aim and activity through short presentations. With platforms for audience feedback and an interactive pop-up exhibition, guests are invited to take part in the onset of this project. *BAEP Takes Place* will be followed by a site-responsive outdoor projection by Mobile Projection Unit (MPU), a roving studio that presents new, experimental video works throughout Portland landscapes. PICA is the fiscal sponsor and a core partner of A Black Art Ecology of Portland.

Participating Artists | Intisar Abioto, Hasan Mahmood, Donovan Smith, Melanie Stevens, Sharita Towne, and more!

*****BAEP AND SPACE PROGRAM INFORMATION TO FOLLOW*****

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ABOUT THE SPACE PROGRAM

SPACE (Supporting Partners, Artists, and Community Events) offers PICA's space, equipment, staff, and other resources in support of local artists and community organizations to curate and produce residencies, programs, and events.

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