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Basalt, CO

The Art Base presents: Claudette Carter Art Mentorship Program featuring:

Finn Johnson (AHS '23) / Paul Woznicki, mentor

Tashi Jackson (CRMS '22) / Staci Dickerson, mentor

Danny Carreno (RFHS '21) / Reina Katzenberger, mentor

Stella Firmin (BHS '22) / Erin Rigney, mentor

April 23 – May 21, 2021

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Opening Friday, April 23rd at the Art Base

This exhibit is generously sponsored by Richard Carter.

The Art Base is pleased to present the annual Claudette Carter Art Mentors Program (CCAM) featuring participating Mentee artists and their Mentors: Finn Johnson (AHS '23)/Paul Woznicki; Stella Firmin (BHS '22)/Erin Rigney; Danny Carreno (RFHS '21)/Reina Katzenberger; Tashi Jackson (CRMS '22)/ Staci Dickerson.

CCAM is designed for high school students who are interested in a career within the arts. Participants are selected after a competitive application process. Paired with a working artist, mentee and mentor work together to create a project from concept, through creative process, to professional exhibition. Together they must establish effective lines of communication, problem solve, and ultimately create art during a five-month period of time. The mentors are all volunteer professional artists.

The CCAM program was founded to honor Claudette Carter, who passed away in 2007. Claudette demonstrated an incredible commitment to community and arts education—believing day in and day out that lives are transformed through art. Claudette worked in fashion design, styling, and set design industries. Her interest in myriad elements of design inspired the Art Base to create opportunities for Roaring Fork Valley youth to learn more about what it takes to pursue a career in the arts.

Finn Johnson partnered with gallerist and art consultant, [Paul Woznicki](#), and focused on his experience during the current pandemic and spending more time in his bedroom than ever before. Finn used his bedroom door as his canvas and will present this as an installation piece during the show stating that he "experimented with the idea of what it means to be trapped inside by a door, and the inner freedom and escape of painting on the very object that is both figural and literally keeping us inside."

Basalt High School Junior, Stella Firmin and Carbondale artist, [Erin Rigney](#) worked together as Stella created a series of paintings in which she symbolizes her inner life, characteristics she admires and her biggest role model – her brother. "My paintings symbolize my journey to become a healthier, happier person."

Danny Carreno, a senior at the Roaring Fork High School, spent his time with mixed-media artist, Reina Katzenberger in her studio, [The Project Shop](#). Danny will share a series of three large mixed-media canvases exploring self-revelation. "I want to put my art on different surfaces and material so it will allow me to reveal different things about myself through each medium."

Tashi Jackson worked with Carbondale artist, Staci Dickerson on a set of portraits of "people who are underrepresented in all aspects of our society and who struggle to receive equal treatment due to discrimination and bigotry." Through these pieces, Tashi hopes to bring awareness to these issues.

ABOUT THE ART BASE

The Art Base is a visual arts-focused nonprofit located in Basalt, Colorado. Through education opportunities, exhibitions, and events they foster creative expression in the visual arts for all ages and abilities. Education programs are designed to be accessible to everyone and encourage creative expression and lifelong learning through arts workshops and outreach programs in partnership with local nonprofits and Basalt schools. Exhibitions support student, emerging, and established Colorado-based artists and are focused on solo show opportunities with an emphasis on artists living in the Roaring Fork Valley. www.theartbase.org