

APOLLO EDUCATION

Apollo Video Oral History Project at Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing and Visual Arts

Documentaries

[From Dreams and Visions...to Reality - 2013](#)

The students interviewed people who had/have a vision (dream) that were/are bigger than themselves and what they did to accomplish the goal.

Selections of interviews with the following people are included:

- Keith Josef Adkins - Artistic Director, The New Black Fest
- Ty Jones Producing - Artistic Director, Classical Theater of Harlem
- Jamal Joseph - Professor / Youth Advocate
- Moikgantsi Kgama - Founder & Executive Director, ImageNation Cinema Foundation
- Risé Wilson - Founder, The Laundromat Project

<https://vimeo.com/channels/348329/68072171>

[When Injustice Speaks - 2014](#)

The students interviewed people who have experienced or witnessed an injustice and chose to do something about it via their work or craft.

Selections of interviews with the following people are included:

- Allen Kwabena Frimpong – Organizer/My Superpower for Justice
- Christina Gonzalez - Activist
- Christopher Gabriel Núñez - Writer, Actor, and Hip-Hop Artist
- Dominique Morisseau - Actress, Playwright, and Poet
- Dread Scott - Artist
- Javier Chuck – Paralegal/The Legal Aid Society
- Nicole Paultre Bell – President/When It's Real, Its Forever, Organization

<https://vimeo.com/channels/348329/99841251>

[Through the Eyes of an Artist – 2015](#)

The project focused on capturing the life histories of people working in the field of arts education in order to understand the importance of arts and education in our society.

Selections of interviews with the following people are included:

- AnaMaria Correa—Director of Education & Community Engagement
Ballet Hispanico; Doctoral Candidate Urban Education, The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.
- Peter Jay Fernandez—Actor, Educator
- Reverend Malika Lee Whitney—Artist, Educator, Activist

<https://vimeo.com/channels/348329/130876454>

[Why Can't We? – 2016](#)

The students captured the experiences of individuals who exceeded expectations that life and society placed before them.

Selections of interviews with the following people are included:

- Edwin Lee Gibson—Artist, Actor/Writer, Director, Kaufmann Center Arts Programming (Pittsburgh, PA) and Mad Scientist, Thespis Brown Laboratory
- Jason DaSilva—Documentary Film Director and Producer
- Patricia L. Hardaway, J.D.—Principal, The Lofton Cassell Group
- Professor Danny Shaw—Boxer, Author, Community Organizer, and National Editor of LiberationSchool.org
- Theara Ward—Performing Artist and History Keeper

<https://vimeo.com/channels/348329/169252642>

[Community: A Look Into Harlem – 2017](#)

Interviews with members of the Harlem community that have first-hand knowledge of the community's changing arts, social, health & well-being, and cultural scene.

Selections of interviews with the following people are included:

- Atlantis A. Gothe – Clinician, Lifetime Harlem resident
- Camaron Fagan – Managing Partner at Row House
- Chase Reed – Owner, Sneaker Pawn
- Grace Williams – Artist, Longtime Harlem resident
- Johnathan McCrory – Director of Theatre Arts, National Black Theatre
- John T. Reddick - Columbia University Community Scholar, Harlem Historian & Architectural Preservationist
- Marcus Samuelsson – Chef/Co-owner of Red Rooster Harlem and Streetbird Rotisserie
- Seven Brown - Founder Harlem Skin & Laser Clinic, Master Educator and Beauty Expert
- Steven Hill – Actor, Lifelong Harlem resident

<https://vimeo.com/222251849>

[How I Came To Be Me - 2018](#)

Interviews with people in creative fields who reflected on how culture, family, and community influenced and shaped their identity and how their identity is represented through their profession.

- Bayeté Ross Smith - Photographer, Multi-Media Artist, Filmmaker, and Educator
- Erica Carries – Chef, Mother, and Educator
- Lawrence Rodriguez – Curator, Artist, and Founder of The Casa Frela Gallery
- LiKWUiD Stylez – Songwriter, DJ and Artist

<https://vimeo.com/278215836>

To see all of the documentaries please visit the Apollo Video Oral History Project at Wadleigh Secondary Vimeo Channel at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1383636>