



Creative Arts Holiday Festival A Huge Success

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Seattle, WA - Midtown was full of aspiring artists as youth from across the Central District and South Seattle crammed in the Midtown Center on 23rd and Union to participate in the Creative Arts Holiday Carnival sponsored by Africatown Seattle.

The youngsters were treated to an authentic paint & sip session (apple cider of course) taught by Stephanie Morales, of AXSM Art, who has quite a reputation across the community for producing lively paint events that are not only fun but educational and with participants all leaving with their own unique creations. Many of the young artists painted their rendition of the Kwanzaa Kinara while others stroked the Africatown flag.

In addition to the paint and sip, the youth in attendance also participated in an #ImagineAfricatown Central District Africatown Village 2035 design event in which they were challenged to build their vision of what the Central District will look like 17 years from now but the catch was their primary building materials were graham crackers, frosting, and various candy.

The afternoon also featured storytelling by Marcia Arunga, face painting, a toy giveaway, as well as a spotlight on young entrepreneurs, many of whom set up their own vendor booths and were doing brisk business. Several community members as well took to the microphone throughout the afternoon to reinforce the positive messaging of the event.

The Holiday Carnival is the one of the last events to occur in the Midtown Center many of the structures are slated for demolition early next year. The final event of the year will be this Saturday, December 22nd, as the Soul Holiday Market, also sponsored by Africatown Seattle, sets up shop with lots of shopping opportunities from local vendors as well as an abundance of food trucks and a live performance by Zach Bruce and the Omega Band. The Soul Holiday Market is a free event for the whole family.