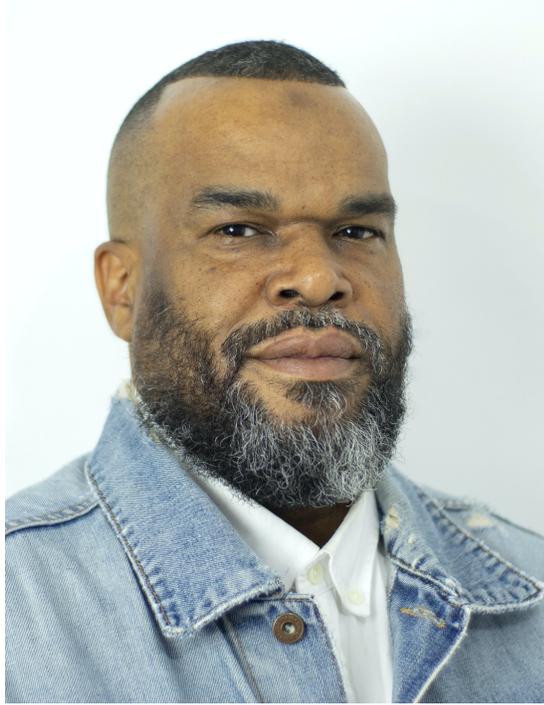


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## JAMAL D. CYRUS WINS HIGH MUSEUM OF ART'S 2020 DAVID C. DRISKELL PRIZE

The High Museum of Art has awarded Houston-based artist Jamal D. Cyrus the 2020 David C. Driskell Prize in recognition of his contributions to the field of African American art. Cyrus will be presented with the \$25,000 cash award during a ceremony at the Driskell Prize dinner at the High on Friday, April 24. Proceeds from

the event support the David C. Driskell African American Art Acquisition Restricted and Endowment funds, which have enabled the museum to acquire fifty works of art since the prize's inception.

Born in Houston in 1973, Cyrus is known for his conceptual, research-driven practice through which he aims to close gaps in the understanding of cultural and national heritage. His works, which often examine black political movements, the influence of the African Diaspora, and social injustice, among other issues, have been featured in more than forty solo and group exhibitions over the past fifteen years and can be found in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Blanton Museum of Art, Austin.

“Jamal Cyrus’ multifaceted work poses important questions about how American history is recorded and shared,” said museum director Rand Suffolk. “We are honored to recognize his contributions to African American art and to support his practice and ongoing exploration with the 2020 Driskell Prize.” Named after the renowned African American artist and scholar, the honor has been administered by the museum annually since 2005. Previous winners include Huey Copeland, Amy Sherald, and Naima J. Keith.