

K'AREE CHEROKAREE TSALAGI

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K'aree Tsalagi is a Indigenous American born and raised in Baltimore City. He is the Creative Director of Tsalagi and Tsalagi Textiles Studio. A fashion textile business which started shortly after he graduated from Baltimore City College in 2017. He graduated with a 4.3gpa and the IB Diploma of the Visual Arts program. Advocate and Activist in the Arts community standing up for the Indigenous peoples and all peoples alike in the world of human rights, fashion and art. His first start was working at the age of 15 years old for The Baltimore City Youth Commission in City Hall. He was the youngest chairman of the organization at the time. His job was to be the voice of the youth across Baltimore city tackling issues such as Youth Violence and Prevention.

An Artist and Creative of his community he created textile workshops for adults and youth to learn about textile designing with the assistance of the motor house staff. K'aree has networked with various coworking communities such as Impact Hub to plan initiatives for artist collaboration on community art projects and support groups for creatives. As well as talk about his own visions for the Baltimore Arts scene with emphasis on indigenous and LGBTQIA representation.

Furthermore, he has taught Art in the Baltimore City Public School system partnering with the non profit organization known as Art With A Heart. He continued his involvement with being an advocate for the artist community by becoming the Alumni Artist Mentor for Baltimore Youth Arts. A non profit organization supporting rehabilitated youth in art healing and youth creatives in entrepreneurship. He excelled at the program providing the staff with new innovative ways to appeal to the youth through arts and increasing sales in the products they offered. He has been working in the communities of Baltimore City for 10 years now as an Artist, Designer, Activist and Leader of Youth Arts Advocacy.

Skills

Visual Arts, Textile Design, Fashion Design, Marketing and Communications, Project Development/Management, Cultural Artistic Leader, Youth Advocate for the Arts, Creative Entrepreneurship, Graphic Design, Multi-tasking Skills, Leader

Work Experience

Baltimore Sewn Trades Training Program

Open Works - Baltimore, MD Oct - Jan 2024

A 12 week program is designed to get Baltimore residents over the age of 18 with no previous experience ready for an industrial sewing career. Over the course of 200 hours participants receive instruction in 45 technical and 4 soft skills related to the cut-and-sew industry. Graduates will be able to service and operate the following machines: lockstitch, serger, cover stitch, and binder. Graduates will also be able to handle technical, stretch, knit, and woven fabrics. **ISAIC Nationally Certified**

Ethical Street Photography

Baltimore Youth Film Arts - Baltimore, MD August - Nov 2023

Created a portfolio informed by considerations of how vulnerability, agency, permission, cultural sensitivity, and context interact with an artistic vision grounded in respect when taking photographs in public in Station North Arts District. *Baltimore Youth Film Arts is an affiliate program of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, and is made possible by the financial support of Johns Hopkins and the Mellon Foundation.*

Graphic Designer + Product Developer

Seriously Positive LLC - Baltimore, MD Apr - May 2023

Created new art designs for the process of rebranding to launching new products on the website. Creative consultant for development of the product designs from initial design to end finished product. Designs were made for apparel product relaunch.

Animation Storytelling Artist

Baltimore Youth Film Arts - Baltimore, MD June - July 2023

Through discussion and exercises fellows will identify both culturally and personally resonant symbols in their own stories and experiences, and use them to create visually striking and conceptually rich short animations with Adobe Animate. *Baltimore Youth Film Arts is an affiliate program of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, and is made possible by the financial support of Johns Hopkins and the Mellon Foundation.*

Retail Sales Associate

South Moon Under - Baltimore, MD Nov 2022 - February 2023

Retail Sales Associate Stylist/ Personal Shopper Visual Merchandising

Alumni Artist Mentor

Baltimore Youth Arts - Baltimore, MD June 2022 to Aug 2022

The Alumni Artist Mentor will assist workshop facilitators with artwork documentation and curriculum implementation while also providing career and artistic guidance for Apprentices. The Alumni Artist Mentor will collaborate with the workshop facilitators, the Artist Mentor, and Senior Apprentices to develop the summer project and will also conduct a number of workshops

throughout the summer session. They will also work collaboratively with the Artist Mentor to plan and lead a co-facilitated weekly lesson that is informed by their creative fields.

Creative Director

Tsalagi + Tsalagi Textiles Studio - Baltimore, MD June 2017

Conceptualize designs from concept, to sample to final end product. Repeated color ways and created original print designs for new accessories and capsule collections. Supervised product designs for new accessories and capsule collections. Social Media/Marketing for launching new products and

for promotional services on current products. Networking at events created a steady following surrounding our services and products.

Studio Apprentice

Baltimore Youth Arts - Baltimore, MD 3/2019 -6/ 2019

- Graphic Design, Screen Printing, Painting, Drawing, Sculpture • Life and Job Readiness Classes
- College application assistance
- Entrepreneurship / Business Development
- Portfolio Development
- Event and program planning in the BYA Gallery and Store
- Product development for BYA's online and studio store as well as for pop-up events
- Assisting with the BYA store and working sales events (pop-ups, fairs, and other events around the city)

Art Teacher Assistant

Art With A Heart - Baltimore, MD 11/ 2018 - 4/ 2019

Baltimore City Public School Systems and Youth Endangered community centers.

Intern - Aziza Peace Youth Programming: 10 E North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21202

Part-time Internship overseer of the calendar, schedule meetings for sponsors to meet with youth, made phone calls to set-up walk thru for events, organize rooms to be set-up for events.

Exhibitions

Collect A Thon: The Motor House 2023

Ethical Street Photography: Baltimore Youth Film Arts Exhibition 2023

Return To The Land : The Motor House 2023

Storytelling Through Symbols: Baltimore Youth Film Arts Exhibition 2023

Group Artist Exhibition Center Stage 2019

Baltimore Youth Arts Group Exhibition 2019

Art With A Heart: 501c non profit organization 2018

Baltimore Youth Arts Apprentice Program: 501c non profit organization

Baltimore City Youth Commission: 501c non profit organization Overlea Arts Festival Competition 2017

Education

IB Diploma

Baltimore City College High School Diploma - Baltimore, MD

August 2013 to June 2017 Skills

- Graphic design (4 years)
- Product management (4 years) • Business management (4 years) • Marketing (6 years)
- Customer service (10+ years)
- Printing (5 years)
- Screen printing (2 years)
- Microsoft Office (7 years)
- Microsoft Word (7 years)
- Mathematics (10+ years)
- Design Patterns (7 years)
- Visual Merchandising (6 years)

- Art Direction (7+ years)
- Creative Direction (4 years)
- Spanish (3 years)
- Fashion Retail (5 years)
- Marketing (7 years)

Certifications:

ISAIC

Languages

- Spanish - Intermediate

Links

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References

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