

are you an Asian youth in the G.T.A?
the Asian Arts Freedom School is looking for you!!!



Asian Arts Freedom School

Fall Session 2007, Cycle 4

Tues Sept 18 to Nov 20, 6-8:30pm
Kapisanan 167 Augusta Ave,
Kensington Market

The Asian Arts Freedom School is a writing/
performance/art and Asian history and activism
program for Asian/Pacific Islander youth in the
Greater Toronto Area.

why freedom school?

Because you're sick of being asked "Where're you from? No, where are you really from?" Because Asian is not just curry paste, Lucy Liu, and henna 'tattoos'. Asian is not just being obscure one day and trendy the next, being quiet and well-behaved or being stopped every time you go to the airport or cross a border. Because you're sick of being profiled and harassed by the cops. Because feeling inauthentic is okay.

This cycle launches with the workshop *Design Your Own Freedom* with special guest Una Lee (co-founder of the ground breaking Big Boots zine). We'll follow up with workshops ranging from "writing to a beat" to "how to make silkscreen shirts", "2D animation" and of course, writing and performance! We'll also be preparing for our show at Nuit Blanche from 9pm-12am on Sept 29 at Church Street in downtown t-dot!!

Asian = South Asian, West Asian (a.k.a. Arab or Middle-Eastern), Southeast Asian, East Asian, Central Asian... mixed-race, adoptee, suburban, hood... just got here or been here since the 1800s. Asian stretches from the Philippines to Palestine, North China to Sri Lanka, Trinidad to Tibet, and all of it ends up in Toronto.

If you're interested, have questions, or want to pre-register, please get in touch with the director and lead artist Gein Wong at asianartsfreedomschool@gmail.com. We are also up at <http://www.myspace.com/asianartsfreedomschool>

Because you want to be able to tell your family's stories. Because you don't know your family's stories. Because you want to be able to tell your own story. Because we're the only ones who can tell our stories. Because we are the ones we've been waiting for.

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