

To begin I really enjoyed listening to Marc speak. The way he talks and the way he presents himself clearly shows the way he wishes to reflect back on his version of community. I find myself relating and feeling accountable towards the same community as him and although he didn't come right out and say it, it's the black and brown community. As a black and brown individual, myself I know there are so many things we could do better as a community especially in the arts because we are so talented. I heard him mention towards the end when he was asked what inspires you, he said his people. To me that is so beautiful.

In the beginning when he mentioned what would happen if we didn't have the arts in the past couple of weeks? My answer to that is there would literally be no joy, no happiness, no motivation, or flourishing. In my opinion the arts are what keeps every community afloat. Like he mentioned, we saw how everything got shut down and how heavily we relied on the arts. In the middle of the pandemic if there weren't arts what would there be? How would we be able to function and not go insane? I believe once this pandemic is FULLY over with the arts should emerge on top. There shouldn't be any doubt about where the next funding or income will come from. Even though we are human and are often stuck in our old ways I think that there should be a new understanding when it comes down to the importance of the arts and community. People should want to do everything in their power to keep that going.

When asked how can we deploy artist not to just make art but to intentionally make culture we are telling them to create and bring about something new not only for you but for generations to come. Because that is what culture is, culture is inspired by culture and passed down for the future communities to come.