

Bless Your Heart

artist Jillian Youngbird
curated by Reality Club



beaded quilt squares

Bless your Heart is an interaction, a gift, and a community.

Jillian Youngbird offers a series of workshops on weaving and quilting with beads.

In exchange, Youngbird asks participants for a story, a recipe, or a skill that they learned from someone important in their life like their mother or grandmother. Youngbird will compile these gifts into a book and recordings.

Youngbird will also collect the beaded quilt squares to make one community quilt. This quilt will be displayed along with the compilation of gifts.



Jillian Youngbird is a visual artist living and working in Kansas City, Missouri. She studied art at the Kansas City Art Institute and currently works as Outreach and Media Coordinator at a non-profit arts studio supporting artists with developmental disabilities. Her work has been shown nationally, with exhibitions as far away as Alaska and California. She is a former Charlotte Street Resident, as well as a Charlotte Street Visual Artist Fellow and received the Byron C. Cohen award in 2018. She is currently a resident in the Livestock Exchange building.

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Reality Club works together with open minds and compassion to explore reality through the arts. Our past projects include a crystal growing party, a simulated interactive observatory, making music with meteorological indicators, and a spacetime variety show in a garage. We always collaborate, and our past partners include Future Total Group, Stray Cat Film Center, the Linda Hall Library, the Spencer Art Reference Library, Catalog of Creeks, Potluck, and Open House.

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Jillian Youngbird, past work



image 1.
*A Bear in Kansas
City (performance
documentation)*



image 2.
*CSF Visual Artist
Award Exhibition
(installation detail)*



image 3.
*For the Birds/Swope
Shelter (installation
detail)*



image 4.
Dollar Bandana

Reality Club, past work



image 1. *cosmOS from Space space*

image 2. *Crystal Growing Kit for Crystal Growing Party*

image 3. *Spencer Art Reference Library, Book Tour No. 2*