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Antonio McAfee: Theme and Variation

Institute of Contemporary Art, Baltimore
16 West North Ave
Baltimore, MD 21218

Exhibition Dates:
August 25-Sept 23

Open Hours:
Saturdays and Sundays, 12-4pm

Opening Reception:
Saturday, August 25, 7-9pm

Artist Talk: Saturday, September 15

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Theme and Variation is an exhibition of photographic collages that are based on re-imagining studio portraits of middle class African Americans from the Exhibition of American Negroes organized by W.E.B. Du Bois and Thomas Calloway for the 1900 Paris WorldExpo. This exhibit continues the visual transformation the figures have undergone for a number of years; in this phase subjects are transiting into abstract forms. Influenced by 19th century pseudo-sciences' incorporation of photography, and R&B, *Theme and Variation* expands the artist's work into abstract representations breaking down simple reads and understanding of the figures.

Antonio McAfee-AntonioMcAfee.net

Antonio McAfee is a photographer based in Baltimore, MD. He received his BFA in Fine Art Photography from the Corcoran College of Art and Design. Shortly after, he earned his MFA in Photography from the University of Pennsylvania. In 2011, he received a Post-Graduate Diploma in Art in Arts and Culture Management from the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa). His

fascination with history, portraiture, and what makes up photographs drives his activities.

McAfee has been featured in BmoreArt Magazine, The Washington Post, Washington City Paper, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Mission on Tenth published by California Institute of Integrated Studies, and catalogues published by the University of Pennsylvania and Corcoran College of Art and Design. He participated in residencies at Can Serrat (Spain) and Vermont Studio Center. Antonio was awarded the Maryland State Individual Artist Award, Civil Society Institute Fellowship, Fulbright IIE Grant to Johannesburg, South Africa, and Dedalus MFA Painting and Sculpture Fellowship. His work has been exhibited at the Academy Art Museum, University of Maryland College Park, George Washington University, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Civilian Art Projects, and Terrault Contemporary. Antonio is currently an instructor at American University.

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ICA Baltimore is a collaboration of volunteers working to stage contemporary art exhibitions in available spaces in Baltimore. *Antonio McAfee: Theme and Variation* is the twenty-sixth exhibition by the ICA since 2011.

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Additional information and high-resolution photos are available upon request.



Untitled #1, 2018, 9"x12"