



Invernomuto & Jim C. Nedd

The film shows a village that was started by people escaping enslavement in the 1600s. Here, the artists explore Columbian Pico culture, where decorated sound systems go head to head playing Afro-Columbian records at street parties!

If you made a street party like one in the film, who would you invite? What music would you play at your street party and why?

Afro-Colombian: Colombian people with Sub-Saharan African descent. This population were part of the generations moved by force to South America in the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Did you know? Patterns of hair braiding were used by slaves to send secret messages to each other. Different hairstyles would mean different things: some meant that they wanted to escape, and other curved braids would even show the roads they wanted to use to run away!

Xaviera Simmons

American artist, Xaviera Simmons presents historical images with flower patterned backdrops and patterns of daily life in America.

Her photographs represent the experience of Black people living in America and how they are treated. She is interested in how photos of people, language and landscapes can build identities.

Do the images tell you anything about the 'American experience'?

I think the people in the images are feeling

Why are photographs important? What do they help us to learn about?

Sonia Gomes

Sonia Gomes is a Brazilian artist, using only clothes given to her by others. She transforms unwanted materials into works of art which have new value and life. The sculptures hold the memories of the fabrics' original owners - Gomes imagines her sculptures as bodies that absorb and retell the memories of previous owners.

Q. If your clothes today could tell your story, what would they say? Where have they been with you or others? Try writing it here!

Yael Davids

This artwork, Wingspan of the captive (2021) is inspired by a rare book held in the Central Library - John James Audubon's The Birds of America. Look at all the artist's drawings and Audubon's book - can you make the shape of the birds with your body?

Which bird do you think you look like the most?

Ask your grown up to take a picture of you doing your best bird pose!