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SURFACES: AN OUTDOOR VIDEO PROJECTION PROJECT IN THE GREATER GRAND CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD

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Projection Event: Sunday June 21st, sunset (8pm-midnight): Community gathering and screening on building. A Rebuild Foundation (501C3 non4-profit art organization) sponsored event.

Location: Outside of the abandoned Saint Laurence School building, 1392 E. 72nd St, Chicago, Illinois 60619 (corner of E. 72nd & S. Dorchester)

Main concept: 5-6 fold out tables will be placed on the sidewalk in front of the north façade of the St. Laurence school. Other chairs will be placed across the street. People are invited to enjoy food and a series of conversations will be activated.

Above the gathering of people a film will be projected on the north façade of the building along with an ambient soundtrack. This event will run in conjunction with an open house at Black Cinema House, a rebuild foundation program, located at 7200 S. Kimbark.





NARRATIVE

SURFACES is about our relationship to place and time. A moment when we can gather and talk about the positive and negative changes within the community– underneath larger-than-life videos of the people and landscape of Greater Grand Crossing. I want to highlight how we treat/value property versus how we treat/value ourselves.

After decades of neglect Chicago's South Side is getting some attention. But of what sort, and what does it mean? I want to show signs of change through a community based media project.



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I am a local filmmaker who believes that art can connect us and our environment. I am a resident film fellow sponsored by the Rebuild Foundation at Black Cinema House, a non-for-profit art organization based in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood (6918 S. Dorchester).

The culmination of my fellowship is SURFACES: a film project about the Greater Grand Crossing area made up of videos made by residents and myself. I will project this film onto the abandoned St. Laurence School building (72nd & S. Dorchester) at sunset on June 21st (Father's day and the summer solstice). It will be a free event with music and food that will coincide with an Open House at the Black Cinema House located just down the street.