This zine is the first volume in a series produced by MCA Denver Teen Ambassadors. Together this diverse group of teens focused on the happenings in MCA Denver, their interests, and teen culture today. To learn more about the Ambassador program, and other teen happenings visit mcadenver.org/teens or follow us @mcadenverteens on Facebook & Instagram.
I am a senior at North High school. Drawing and art has always been a thing I’ve enjoyed doing, and seeing.

Penina Warren is a high school senior with a penchant for fashion styling, all things vintage, and writing. For this zine, she was inspired by the idiosyncrasies and commonalities of personal style and its ability to be a medium of self expression.

Just a high school senior who’s grown up way too fast. I plan to make all this growing worth it. I chose these themes for the zine because I have seen the generations flourish (and or fail) and I wanted everyone to take a step back and soak it in. I wanted everyone to realize where we were and where we are now. Whether it’s changed or hasn’t. We should take a moment to realize what we’ve done throughout the years. Good or bad.

Hello, my name is Erionna Tovar and I am 17 years old. I love to see designer apparel in the ‘hood’ I also love music and think 2017 was an important year album wise.

I like capturing people that I love doing what they love. In these pages, I am able to give people a glimpse of how people I love are following their hearts.
Um ok so like I don’t do anything for fun. I am very like not outgoing at all. This is the first time I have ever done anything like this and I have to say this was probably one of the best decisions I have ever done with my life.

The pieces I made kept me awake til my eyeballs popped out, but it was worth it. I hope you can understand the message I am attempting to get across. So yeah, that’s it, I am glad to be part of the teen Ambassador program, and help create a zine, I hope you enjoyed it.

Sebastian Martinez is a junior at Denver East High School. He has been a regular at the MCA all his life, and is actively interested in many art forms, particularly music production and sculpture.

Gorgeous. Funny. Hardworking. All of these words may be (but probably aren’t) used to describe Ella Shattuck, a sophomore at East High School. Her interests include going to concerts, and taking way too long to get dressed. If there was a contest for being dramatic, she would get first place.
DON'T TRIP
MCA FEATURE: SABER ACOMODAR

“Saber Acomodar” roughly translates to “know How.” This exhibition, on display from September 13, 2017 to January 21, 2018 shows off contemporary art and ideas using more traditional techniques. The art on display is from Jalisco, Mexico, created from 1915-now.

MCA teens were given the opportunity to work with artist Christian Franco, who designed the posters for fictional punk bands shown above, to get inspiration for our zine. Other interactive events were open to the public.
On July 6th 1992, after a lifetime of activism, Marsha P. Johnson was found dead floating in the Hudson River.
Marsha is known for having been one of the activists that helped begin the Stonewall Riots.

Marsha co-founded Gay Liberation Front and Street Trans Action Revolutionaries. STAR helped provide shelter to queer kids on the street.

Despite suggestive physical evidence, Marsha's death was written off by the NYPD as a suicide.

More than 80% of the murdered trans people in the U.S. are WOC.

Photo of Marsha by Andy Warhol
Should You Misgender Someone?

Yes

Are they making you angry?

No

Do you disapprove of their identity?

No

Are you just now meeting them?

No

Don’t misgender them.

No

Yes

Ask them their preferred pronouns and use them.

Yes

Don’t misgender them.

Yes

In this case, it is ok to misgender them. Use their pronouns when they feel comfortable.

No

Don’t misgender them.

Did they specifically ask you to misgender them in front of certain people because they are not out to them yet?
USING WORLD AS
FASHION INSPO

instructions: cut out the
red lined parts only and
take a look around you
use the sky as ur design
or your backyard flowers
it is limitless. Enjoy!

little extra: take a
pic and @ us at
@mcadenverteens for a
little shoutout

By: Lucky
“NEW

“Don't move here”

“New money”

“New food”

“Traffic sucks”

“Go back to where you came from”

“Gentrification”

“It's cause of the weed.”

“Born and raised”

DENVER”
Focus on you!

- Sometimes your brain gets worried about expectations or what other people think, so here's some self-love tips.
  - Get your priorities straight and make sure you're #1 on your list!
  - Do what you love even if it's not what everyone else loves.
  - Never forget how important you are!
  - It's okay to be alone, you don't need others to be happy or have fun.
  - Stay healthy, sleep well, eat well.
- Do you!!!!
- Dang you're the shiz!

IMPORTANT!

- Don't hang onto regrets. You have one life, live it!
- Close those chapters and live your life. ALSO PEOPLE COME AND GO DON'T TRIP ON THEM LEAVING, ENJOY THE TIME BEING!

DISCLAIMER: EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT! SO EXPERIMENT TO SEE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!

Put your face photo of your face HERE!
Look at your photo everyday and give yourself a smooth WORK IT!

An Actual Masterpiece

- Put a photo of roses HERE!
- or you can put actual petals too!

- Put a photo of the sky HERE!

- Put a photo of nature HERE!
- or just a leaf I dunno

RESPECT ME!

I've always wanted to try this!! SELF LOVE!!

look so cool!
They all spit out pretty words but deep inside it's lies.

 Blow your brains out.

 There's nowhere to go, here...

 The only one who gets hurt is you.

 You've let me down.

 The nicer you were to me...

 Conclusion: Damn, this girl is nuts.

 Sorry I'm a little late.

 Sorry! I don't believe you understand.

 He just wanted to run away from everything, just like you.

 Conclusion: Damn, this girl is nuts.

 I should think it obvious.

 Not some cheap crap like killing yourself!

 Hey! You can't take for everything responsibility that we've done.

 If you were really sorry, you'd do at least that!
Recently, the world has seen a rise in complaints and protests directed towards a variety of celebrities regarding their questionable behavior. Below are some of the least problematic popular artists of 2017.
Royally Snatched

Stress!

Kill Meh.

In what world was this okay?

Whyyyyy???

Memorable.

I've been Snatched.

Plz stop.

Tears 😞

They said it would be fun. They lied.

I feel attached...

Please round my grade. Please.

Genocide.
Snatched
~ Tales of a Highschool student

What? I can't wait until graduation so when will I ever use the quadratic equation in life?

It's been complete and utter trash.

How do I go to CA?

I'll miss some of you.

So what's the point of break if we still get homework?

Add or own quotes!

Dragged/peeded

*Intense eye roll*
Failure Lab
And What it Means to Fail

To the ears of most, failure seems to be a callous, and undesirable term, for understandable reasons. To the members of the Failure Lab program, however, it is not only tolerated, but embraced.

“I would describe Failure Lab as an internship program that brings together high school student from Colorado to highlight the importance of failure in art, collaboration, and life in general,” says Nia Musiba, a member of the current Failure Lab group, and student at East High School. Similarly, another student from East High, Lincoln Thomas, says, “the most important skill I have attained since beginning my internship at the museum would be the skill to accept and conquer failure, and use it in a creative process.”

Failure lab devotes itself to integrating local teens into the art scene of Denver in such a way that puts them in control. “A very cool aspect of the program is that us as students get to work very closely with local artists,” says Lincoln, “the most important part of the program is that it gives teens a chance to to work in a professional environment.”

“It has encouraged me to not be afraid failure and has reinforced the idea that taking risks is so important, even if it results in failure.”

If you’re confident you are capable of embracing the risk of failure, and want to be involved with the local art community then Failure Lab may be your opportunity to be involved.
As an artist, I want to express that fashion is art, and try to create a sculptural aspect to all my clothes to demonstrate that fashion is an art form.

Instagram @max_the_b
1. **The #1 rule in fashion that will yield the very best results is that there are absolutely no rules.** You’ve been taught your whole life to avoid wearing white after Labor Day, to be repulsed by the sight of a Canadian Tuxedo, to dress appropriately for your body type. **IGNORE EVERYTHING** that’s been programmed into you. Innovation in style only truly begins when you learn to explore beyond the realm of familiarity.

2. **Learn to TUNE OUT THE HATERS.** Be it your mom, your best friend, a stranger, even that little voice in the back of your head. Wearing an outfit with **CONFIDENCE** is half the battle, so no matter what the peanut gallery throws at you, they will have to at least respect your conviction and boldness.

3. **Fake it ’til you make it.** If you don’t have the fashion sense you desire at the moment, or even the confidence to pull it off, **PRETEND** that you do. If all or nothing is not your method of choice, I recommend styling one new piece with an outfit you are already comfortable wearing, and then **SLOWLY** incorporating more fun clothing into your wardrobe as you steadily gain confidence.

4. **Read magazines, stalk Instagram accounts, watch fashion shows, raid your mom’s closet.** If you know what’s out there, it’s easier to ascertain the clothing styles that you naturally gravitate towards and those that you would really rather avoid. The fashion market is so over saturated with a myriad of trends at any given moment, so developing **A TASTE FOR WHAT YOU LIKE AND DISLIKE** is critical.

5. **Gather a COLLECTION OF BASICS** and build up. Find your perfect starter pack: that pair of jeans that fit you just right, that dress that you can style in a hundred different ways, those trusty boots that you can always count on, etc. Once you have the ground floor covered, it is far easier to get increasingly more adventurous with the clothing you wear. Having basics will allow you to **LAYER SIMPLER PIECES WITH MORE UNIQUE PIECES** and help you define what your personal style is.

6. **OBSERVE** those whose style you admire: friends, family, mentors. Always be on the lookout for outfits that **CATCH YOUR EYE**, and when you find yourself appreciating someone’s style, be sure to **TAKE NOTE** of what about that person’s sense of fashion is so appealing to you. Once you have an understanding of the elements of style you find yourself drawn towards, you can make changes to incorporate them into your own personal closet.

7. **Watch films, go to museums, listen to music, read literature, look at art, make art.** Your favorite pieces, **REGARDLESS OF GENRE**, often have **the POWER TO INFLUENCE** your style. Inspiration is everywhere around us, from the intricacies and lines of architecture to the crescendos and diminuendos of a symphony. Open yourself up to inspiration in all its forms; epiphany in fashion doesn’t have to be as cut and dry as perusing this month’s Vogue.

8. **Gender is a SOCIAL CONSTRUCT.** When you limit yourself to shopping in one particular gendered section, you are restricting yourself to a select few shapes and styles. Once you open yourself up to the cross-pollination of “femme” and “masculine” styles, the possibilities of fashion are **LIMITLESS**.

9. **Go THRIFTING, shop VINTAGE.** By shopping second hand, not only are you helping the environment through the act of recycling and slowing the fast fashion machine, but you are collecting **UNIQUE PIECES** that will add character to your wardrobe for nearly no cost at all. With used pieces, one can often find superior quality and genuine styles while also doing their part to save both a) money and b) the planet.

10. **Don’t ignore your INSTINCTS.** If you instantly feel yourself gravitating towards a particular piece or sartorial style, run with it and make it yours. Our instincts usually have a level of foresight that transcends any sort of reason or logic, and that can add a layer of emotion and fun to our fashion decision making.
For this one, you can color in the outline of the shoe. It is up to your own imagination.

Design your own shoes

The shoes are the classics, everyone basically owns them: An Air Max and an Air Force

Now, draw out your own design of your shoes

Take a picture of your coloring or your design and @ us at @mcovedenverleens on Instagram to get a shoutout! Good luck!

By: Lucky
Empathy plays a key role in our lives. Whether it’s a friend, family member, or random person, interacting with people inevitably leads to a mutual sense of understanding. It may be subtle, but music can bridge the gap between even the most diverse of people and eventually create a sort of bond between the artist and his or her audience. When music is made genuinely and from the heart, it consumes the emotion of its creator and eventually secretes that emotion, whatever it may be, to the listener. In my experience, music has been able to bond the most unlikely of people.

It has allowed me to rise above circumstance and in my own way seclude myself from whatever is around me in order to focus on what is necessary to accomplish my future goals. An escape in a way. Making and listening to music allows me to put even the worst of situations on the back burner, and remain calm despite life’s randomness. Part of the reason for this is that I believe music can contain just as much randomness as life can, because the more life throws at a person the more feeling that person can put into a song. I believe that the intensity of life’s ups and downs can determine the quality of a song’s message and radiance. This has proven itself time after when the best music comes from the people who mean it the most, and the people who mean it the most are the people who have experienced the most. No matter what those experiences are, I think it’s necessary for everyone to find a medium to share their experiences with others because if that never happens no one will remember them. I believe all people’s experiences deserve to be remembered, and I’m overjoyed that making music has proven to be my way of remembering.
Born from the post-punk legends of the 80s (Sonic Youth, the Cure, Bauhaus, etc.) Shoegaze was testing the limits of the volume and intensity of sound one could get out of a guitar. As a consequence of the nature of the music, the boundaries of the genre were equally vague. The only real criteria for shoegaze is that it has to be very loud. The following albums are some of the most well known, and for good reason.

The Jesus and Mary Chain - Psychocandy

Psychocandy, according to some, was the album that initiated Shoegaze. They created the template for all shoegaze to come; pop song structure juxtaposed with beautifully abrasive waves of guitar feedback. Pop melodies composed of white noise and roaring guitars make the album feel more like a living creature than a normal project.

Slowdive - Souvlaki

Another classic of the genre, Souvlaki was not received with open arms at the time of its release in 1993. Since, however, many critics retrospectively regard it as an iconic album. Souvlaki has a more ambient sound than others on this list, even featuring two songs produced by the legendary Brian Eno.
Probably less of a household name than others on this list, Nowhere delivers the same cacphonic sound of the others, but with more of a classic rock touch. The drums hit cleaner and a bit more frequently than Souvlaki, and the melodies are a bit darker and heavier than Psychocandy. Similar to the legendary Loveless, the album sounds exactly like you would expect from the album art, an endless and mysterious seascape of noise.

Recorded over a two year period, costing a rumored £250,000, and involving 19 studios; Loveless was as logistically massive as it was sonically. In the end however, and despite lackluster chart success, it has established itself as the quintessential Shoegaze album, and as stated before, sounds exactly how the cover looks. Kevin Shields, the mastermind behind it, reinvented the guitar into something completely new, and the result is something special.
**LOCAL STYLE PROFILES**

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Generation Z 1995-2014

Barack Obama

Death of Osama Bin Laden

Columbine

Death of Ms

Death of Ms

Divergent

Charlie Unicorn

Hunger Games

Sandy Hook

United Airlines

Sandy Hook

JFK

Ebullion

Suicide Rates

Suicide Rates

Anime

Police Brutality

United Airlines

Sandy Hook

Charles Manson

Alcoholism

College

Woodstock

Civil Rights

u gotta be me

ECONOMY

Guns

Sponge Bob

Presidents

Disney

John F. Kennedy

Beatles

Marilyn Monroe

Global Warming x2

Disney

Police Brutality

United Airlines

Sandy Hook

JFK
GENERATIONS

Millenials 1982-2002

John F. Kennedy Jr.

AIDS, 1981-1984

Bill Cosby

Ted Kaczynski

Eminem

R. Kelly

Mariah Carey

Bush, Porpoise

Ozzie Osbourne and the Bat

Nas, A. I. Am

International Crisis

Divorce

1961-1969

The Beginning

Cold War

9/11

Agent Orange

Vietnam War

Nuclear Meltdown

Mandela

Prince of Belair

Fresh Prince

Oprah

Bill Clinton

O.J. Simpson, I., Laden

George W. Bush

Destiny's Child

Nelle

 intrinsic
KAIA MILLER

Photography allows me to capture the beauty of what I see around me. Taking photos allows me to have a creative outlet, working out ideas that words can’t. Through photography, I’ve been opened up to so many amazing experiences, which have encouraged me to grow as a person, becoming a stronger version of myself.

Instagram @k.m
I don't even like Tra...

Lost one

Trap Singles

Gucci Gang by Lil Pump
Saint Laurent Mask by Travis Scott & Quavo
4 A.M. by 2 chainz ft. Travis Scott
Mask off by Future
Ric Flair Drip by Offset & Metro Boomin
Magnolia by Playboi Carti
I get the bag by Gucci Mane
Shut yo A$$ up.
ABOUT THE WORKSHOP: This particular workshop was TEENS ONLY and Emma Balder helped EVERYONE experience fiber painting! We also got to make new friends!

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Emma Balder is very nice and pretty! As I spoke to her, she explained how she started out in high school by she had initially wanted to be a fashion designer and it was mandatory to take an art class to do so. But as she took the class she fell in love with what and became the artist she is today! Emma specializes in abstract art and got inspired to do fabric art because she didn't want to waste left over materials.

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Workshops at MCA are lots of fun and give you an opportunity to meet new people and make many new friends. I suggest you go to an MCA workshop sometime.
Location: Northside Alley

“Ghetto Fashion” Popular in the “Hood”:

- MCM
- Gucci
- Louis Vuitton
- Burberry
- Fendi

Gucci Belt: $350.00

Mem Belt $295.00

Location: Somewhere in LA

MCM Backpack $750.00

(on the right)

Lil Pump is wearing a MCM Belt that cost up to $300.00. And the boys in my neighborhood can afford this?? Hmmm...

Gucci
Unexplained

For the past decade there has been so many unexplained violence cases from random police brutality.

- Las Vegas shooting

-Tens of teenagers beat and disabled white classmates

-Roommate violated because they were gay
Violence.

- Black lives matter rally.

- Sandy Hook shooting.

Sandy Hook never forget.

End IT.
Are you Racist?

The truth is we're all prejudice, whether it's overt or covert.

Yes

Knowing in what ways our bias plays out can be difficult. The Implicit Association Test (IAT), based at Harvard, uses a series of photos and terms to gather data on our preferential tendencies.

No

Taking the time to learn things about ourselves is the first step to reframing how we see and interact with people.

You can take the IAT at Project Implicit.
The abbreviation “IDM” stands for “Intelligent Dance Music”, which is, in actuality, a misnomer in two ways. The word intelligent alludes to the complex nature of the genre, but is not necessarily smarter in any way. The word dance alludes to the genre’s derivation from dance and house music of the 80s, however the music associated with IDM is not particularly inclined towards clubs or dancing in general. Despite its odd name, IDM is a feat of electronic production and a revolution in music.

Possibly the most notorious artist on this list, Aphex Twin set the standard for IDM, particularly with this album. The most ambient feature of this project is the sonic density of the entire album. Aside from that, the album carries bouncing synths, booming basslines, and rolling breakbeats that make it particularly approachable compared to his later works.

Another debut album, Boards of Canada took elements of Selected Ambient works and created something of their own which endowed them with a similar legacy to Aphex Twin. The more sample-heavy production and homespun sound makes this album more organic feeling than others on this list.
**Tri Repetae** is a more minimal work, having the same melodic soundscapes and droning synths as Selected Ambient Works, but with a harder hitting industrial edge, particularly in the percussion. This album is widely regarded as one of the most influential electronic albums of the 90s along with Selected Ambient Works.

**Another** masterpiece debut, Hard Normal Daddy straddled the line between IDM and what would come to be known as Drill 'n' Bass, a genre that Aphex Twin was exploring as well. By far the most intense record on this list, Squarepusher made warped and glitchy Drum and Bass breaks the centerpiece of the album. In between these chaotic drums you can hear interludes of Squarepusher's masterful bass chops.
For this exhibition, High schools students from throughout the Denver area submitted original artworks that responded to the theme “Natural Disater”. Interreting the idea broadly, works in the exhibition range from personal to political, from literal to metaphorical. Some students used the prompt as a way to reflect on climate change and the recent series of natural disasters. Others chose to comment on social political issues. Some students worked more personally, using the prompt to discuss disaster on an intimate level.

Students in MCA Denver’s teen leadership Failure Lab developed this exhibition, from concept, to curtain, to installation. After working closely as interns with the exhibitions department to select the theme of the show, they opened the call for entries to all Denver area High School students. After receiving hundreds of submissios, the Failure Lab student’s selected works were presented at the Teen Lounge Area.

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@JACKMULLISON
Artist: Migos  
Album: Culture  
Release Date: January 27, 2017  
Top song: T shirt

Artist: Future  
Album: HNDRXX  
Release Date: February 24, 2017  
Top song: Coming Out Strong ft The Weeknd

Artist: Drake  
Album: More Life  
Release Date: March 18, 2017  
Top song: Free Smoke

Best Album of each month in 2017!
Artist: Kendrik Lamar  
Album: DAMN  
Release Date: April 14, 2017  
Top song: Love

Artist: Trippie Redd  
Album:A Love Letter to You  
Release Date: May 12, 2017  
Top song: Love Scars

Artist: Jay Z  
Album: 4:44  
Release Date: June 30, 2017  
Top song: Bam

Artist: 21 Savage  
Album: ISSA ALBUM  
Release Date: July 7, 2017  
Top song: Bank Account
Artist: A$AP Ferg  
Album: Still Striving  
Release Date: August 18, 2017  
Top song: Mattress REMIX

Artist: G Herbo  
Album: Humble Beast  
Release Date: September 22, 2017  
Top song: Everything ft Lil Uzi Vert

Artist: 21 Savage, Offset, Metro Boomin  
Album: Without Warning  
Release Date: October 31, 2007  
Top song: Ghostface Killers ft Travis Scott

Artist: PnB  
Album: Catch These Vibes  
Release Date: November 17, 2017  
Top song: Lovin ft A Boogie wit da Hoodie

Artist: Lil Wayne  
Album: Dedication 6  
Release Date: December 25, 2017  
Top song: Roll in Peace
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**Books To Start The New Year**

**Widow Basquiat**, Jennifer Clement

For the nostalgic art nerds who want to know the neo-expressionist painter more intimately.

2014

**Custer Died For Your Sins**, Vine Deloria Jr.

You'll never read a funnier manifesto.

1969
Existentialism From Dostoevsky to Sartre, Walter Kaufmann

Existentialism is now easily digestible and served up on a silver platter by Kaufmann's smooth and organized writing.

1975

Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates

In this 6 chapter letter Coates talks to his son about what it means to be black in America. Coates covers this from the Middle Passage to now and what lies ahead.

2015
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