

It's pretty easy for those of us in philanthrophy to believe we're creating change and not see the limitations of that change for communities affected by racism and prejudice.

-June Wilson

The celebration... you cannot practice it or anything. It's a moment when the excitement of your goal makes you react to the moment.

-Peter Bondra

We are tired of calling the names of people who have become ancestors before their time.

-Alicia Garza

Journalism teaches us to be 'objective' and 'fair' but not how our own story affects everything we write.

-Tonya Mosley

Silence can be either protest or consent, but most times it's fear.

-Paul Beatty

There exists, all around us, an apparatus urging us to accept American innocence at face value and not to inquire too much.

-Ta-Nehisi Coates

Nonprofit sector propped up to kill the movement for the changes in production relations.

-Blue Scholars

Truth does not require consensus.

-Charles M. Blow

Life is the input of everyone who touched your life and every experience that entered it.

-Yuri Kochiyama

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today to get through this thing called 'life.'

-Prince

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.

-John Muir

There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made.

-Michelle Obama

As artists we must imagine what the world can be & wildly insist on that future.

-Peter Svarzbein

There are years that ask questions and years that answer.

-Zora Neale Hurston

We need to redesign and be architects for a different type of system.

-Heidi Schillinger

We tend to think and speak of afrofuturism as the far-off future. something beyond our current comprehension and planet. But now is the only moment.

-Adrienne Maree Brown

I like sisters with hips/ I like sisters with hopes even better than those.

-Blue Scholars

The future is a world where people feel they belong, and they belong equally.

-Allison Barlow

Question. Revel in the unknown answer or the uncomfortable answer, and get excited by where that thought and moment will connect us next.

-Bryan Jeffrey Graham

My work as a funder always requires corrective lenses.

-Henry Berman

No social movement has ever won without artists involved doing what artists do.

-May Boeve

Race is a weaponized construct designed to advantage some people and disadvantage others.

-Charles M. Blow

People always say 'messenger matters,' but we can't tear down a system by letting it define which messengers are acceptable.

-Keneta Anderson

Your honor, I plead human.

-Paul Beatty

I prefer 'cultural humility' to 'cultural competency.' We can't be 'competent' and we need to include voices other than our own.

-Tonya Mosley

At equilibrium the ups and downs don't feel like massive waves bowling me over, but rather that I'm standing on a cliff looking at the ocean and seeing the waves.

-Zarina Parpia

When you don't have a person, you don't have a story.

-Steve Katz

When I first heard the Sex Pistols song 'Bodies,' I was afraid. But it wasn't 'Run away!' fear, it was fear like 'Run toward!'

-lan MacKaye

Sometimes where art engages politics it's considered 'useful' art. We must create space for dreamy, impossible, weird art.

-Nato Thompson

Getting free is not a spectator sport.

-Anonymous

What are the next 10 words of your answer?

-'Josiah Bartlet'

There's no catching fish with dry britches.

-'Don Quixote'

There's no solidarity in a meritocracy.

-Thomas Frank

I don't know what I like, but I know a lot about art.

-Anonymous

My own personal journey of what it means to be free. is not a path that's the same for everyone and doesn't take the same kind of nourishment for everyone.

-Simran Noor

What this world needs is for reason and passion to embrace, to learn to listen to each other, take care of each other.

-Mark Lindeman

I feel like my whole job is to move the work beyond me.

-JoEllen Kaiser

To my mind, rivers and trees have rights, too.

-Helen Brunner

The great force of history comes from the fact that we carry it within us, are unconsciously controlled by it...history is literally present in all that we do.

-James Baldwin

To live outside the law you must be honest.

-Bob Dylan

The novel Ishmael describes what happens to humanity as 'The great forgetting.' For me, we'd have 'The great remembering.'

-Donna Hall

In the future, aliens don't 'invade' the earth, they come because of how we're living.

-Bryan Jeffrey Graham

I say to people today, 'You must be prepared if you believe in something. If you believe in something, you have to go for it. As individuals, we may not live to see the end.'

-John Lewis

I want everyone to know their worth. I don't want anyone to ever have to feel like they have to work hard to prove who they are.

-June Wilson

"Yagan": A wordless yet meaningful look exchanged between people who want to initiate something but are reluctant to start.

-Mamihlapinatapei language

"Wabi-sabi": finding beauty within life's imperfections and accepting with peace the natural cycle of growth and decay.

-Japanese language

"L'appel du vide": The urge to jump from high places.

-French language

"Duende": The mysterious power a work of art has to move a person deeply.

-Spanish language

"Cwtch": The kind of hug that makes you feel like you're in a safe place.

-Welsh language

"Gumusservi": Moonlight shining on water.

-Turkish language

When the shepherd comes home in peace, the milk is sweet.

-Ethiopian proverb

If you do not have patience you cannot make beer.

-Ovambo proverb

A child is a child of everyone.

-Sudanese proverb

Birds sing not because they have answers but because they have songs.

-African proverb

A flea can trouble a lion more than a lion can trouble a flea.

-Kenyan proverb

If you are building a house and a nail breaks, do you stop building or change the nail?

-Kenyan proverb

What we play is life.

-Louis Armstrong

Nothing remains as it was. If you know this, you can begin again, with pure joy in the uprooting.

-Judith Minty

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

-Dr. Seuss

Freedom of speech is not just for those who can buy the podium.

-Arthur Stuart Hanisch

If we have social justice, we won't need social service.

-Julian Bond

Movement begins to negotiate the distance between the brain and the body and it can be surprising what we learn about each other.

-Bill T. Jones

Information is not power. Power is Power. But what turns information into power is action.

-Rinku Sen

How much more equitable would our society be if everyone's stories were told?

-Anna Cho

We can't have a healthy planet with toxic ideas and toxic systems.

-Lisa Yancey

My pedestal was too tall to climb off, in fact that's the reason for the high horse.

-Sage Francis

Che is not just a potent figure of protest, but the idealistic, questioning kid who exists in every society and every time.

-Jon Lee Anderson

The Earth's distances invite the eye. As the eye reaches, so must the mind stretch to meet these new horizons.

-Hal Borland

This is our world, although the people who drew this map decided to put their own land on top of ours. There is no top or bottom, you see.

-Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

I'm not in love. I'm not out of love. I'm just trying to find some version of the truth.

-Gwen Ifill

We need to build the most vibrant, dynamic, powerful force of resistance this country has every seen.

-Ai-jen Poo

I create with my heart, so life and work inevitably intersect all too often.

-Waris Ahluwalia

I need to listen well so that I hear what is not said.

-Thuli Madonsela

Sometimes we feel like and regret being odd balls yet it is our uniqueness that makes each of us fit for our individual purpose in life.

-Thuli Madonsela

You've got to have something to eat and a little love in your life before you can hold still for any damn body's sermon on how to behave.

-Billie Holiday

Some people say I have attitude - maybe I do... but I think you have to.

-Venus Williams

I know where I'm going and I know the truth, and I don't have to be what you want me to be. I'm free to be what I want.

-Muhammad Ali

Opportunities must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity.

-Anonymous

There's nothing you can do that can't be done. Nothing you can sing that can't be sung.

-The Beatles

If intimidation is your game plan, I hope you have a better one.

-Colin Kaepernick

The stories we craft, the webs we weave, they are all drawn from the same common threads scattered throughout our shared histories.

-Chris Kluwe

I don't make the impossible, possible; I make what people think is impossible, possible.

-Doug Coombs

There's something really cool about getting scared. I don't know what.

-Shane McConkey

If we want authenticity, we have to initiate it. Self-discovery takes us to the wildest places on earth.

-Travis Rice

We need to live in a world with fewer selfies and more #otherpeoplies.

-Kid President