

## Finding Your Compass: Creating Culturally Aware Art

1. What is your artistic medium? Be specific and comprehensive.
2. What cultures are reflected in the art that you create?
3. What is your relationship or connection to these cultures? Describe.

#### 4. Immersive Learning:

How are you actively learning about the cultures above?

How have you learned about these cultures in the past?

In your experience learning about this culture, what has been energizing? Exciting? Sparked your passion? Describe.

How can you continue learning in the future, both near and far? Brainstorm ideas. Think especially about connecting with energizing experiences. Also, think about how continued learning deepens your knowledge and expertise professionally.

5. Engaging with Community:

What are your artistic communities? List them.

What are your cultural communities? List them.

Look at your lists of artistic and cultural communities. Do you notice any overlap? List those communities here:

Are there additional artistic or cultural communities relevant to your work? List them, think about how to engage with each and think about how that experience might be influential.

## 6. Finding Your Companions

Who are your wizards? List and describe each. In your description, include your relationship to the person (teacher, collaborator, colleague, friend), what you admire, how their presence has influenced your journey and/or your work. Most importantly, try to describe their “compass.” What about how they work/live/create inspires you? What do you love about them?

7. Who are your companions on this journey? Friends? Collaborators? List and describe. Use the same questions (as your wizards) above to help activate your thoughts. How can you deepen these relationships?