

GUYLAINE CONQUET

ARTIST & PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER ON HAIR DISCRIMINATION



Hair discrimination is not just a personal issue, it's a societal challenge deeply rooted in systemic prejudice. As an artist, activist and speaker, Guylaine's mission is to shine a light on this injustice by sharing her own journey from shame to pride through her art and speaking engagements. Her goal is to inspire self-acceptance, empower individuals to embrace their identity, and advocate for more inclusive workplaces and schools. Together, we can break down barriers and celebrate hair diversity, ensuring that everyone has the freedom to express their true selves.

TOPICS COVERED

- ✦ Historical context exploring the origins and prevalence of hair discrimination
- ✦ Building a more inclusive future celebrating hair diversity
- ✦ Legislation and advocacy frameworks for an equitable society
- ✦ Emancipation through art and commitment
- ✦ Hair discrimination in both professional and educational environments

“Take the kinks out your mind, not your hair.” - Marcus Garvey

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ABOUT GUYLAINE



Originally from Guadeloupe and based in Atlanta, GA, Guylaine is a French figurative artist whose work is deeply inspired by her journey to embrace her natural hair. Guylaine's paintings delve into themes of personal identity, cultural heritage and resilience, transforming personal experiences of insecurity into celebrations of acceptance and pride. Since 2019, her practice has focused on uncovering the rich history and cultural significance of black hair, while challenging the societal norms that perpetuate its stigma.



ACTIVIST



ARTIST



PUBLIC
SPEAKER

ARTIST STATEMENT

Art has the power to inspire change. Through her work, Guylaine seeks to celebrate black hair as a symbol of beauty, strength and history, while encouraging dialogue about cultural pride and social justice. Her journey is a testament to the transformative power of creativity and advocacy.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Beyond the canvas, Guylaine connects with audiences around the world through lectures, educational talks and community events. she has collaborated with high schools, universities and cultural institutions, sharing stories that blend art and activism. Through her words and paintings, she seeks to inspire self-acceptance and spark meaningful conversations about identity and equality.

ACTIVISM & ACHIEVEMENTS

As an activist, Guylaine is proud to have been behind the historic national bill against hair discrimination in France. Working with MP Olivier Serva, she successfully advocated for legislative action, bringing together political leaders, community advocates and the public. On March 28, 2024, the French Parliament passed Proposition de Loi 1640, making France the first country to implement such an innovative policy.

EXHIBITIONS & FEATURES



GALLERIES

Guyline's work has been featured globally, in cities including:

NEW YORK, NY • MIAMI, FL • PARIS, FR

ATLANTA, GA • LONDON, UK



CONFERENCES

Guyline has spoken in partnership with the following organizations and institutions:

SPELMAN COLLEGE • WORLD AFRO DAY UK

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH • WELLESLEY COLLEGE

NHA PARIS • GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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