CHISHOLM TRAIL

Shirley Chisholm Memorial By Tana Francis

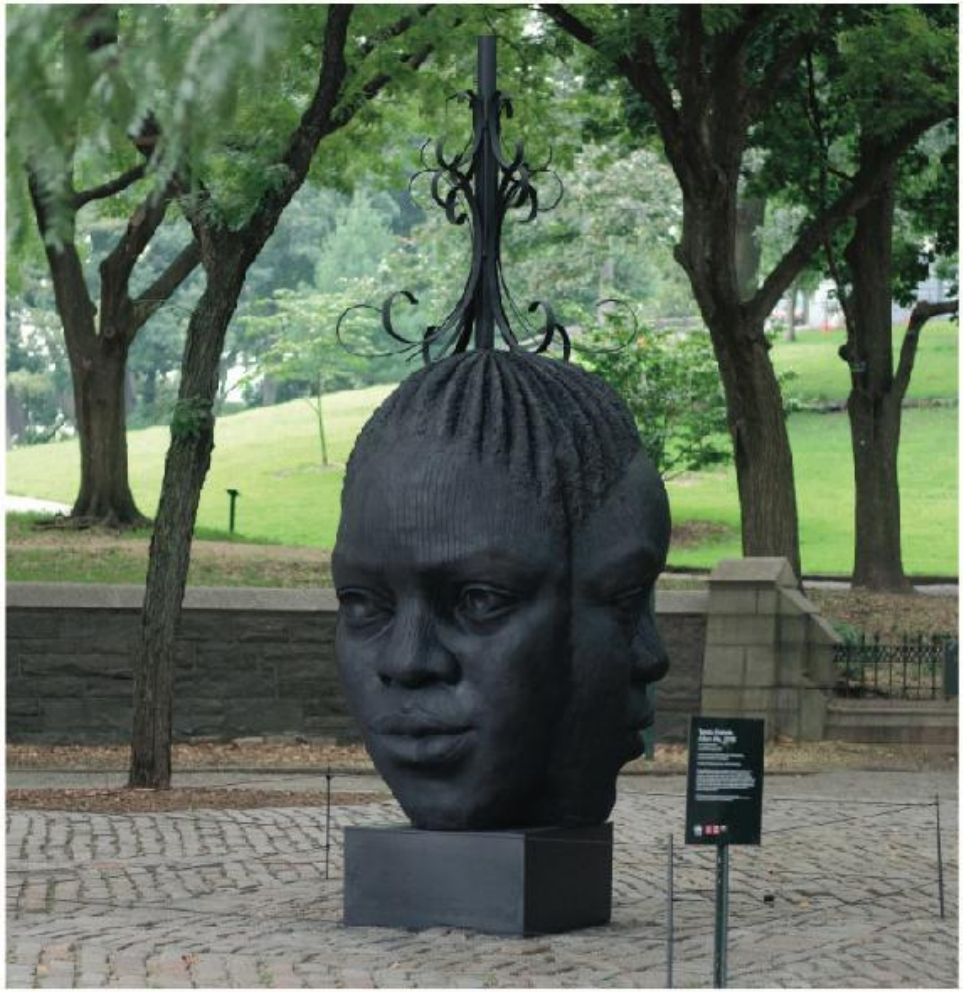
While many were beginning to organize the fight for America to live up to its promise that "All men are created equal", Shirley Chisholm's trail blazing life reminded us to consider the equality of all of humanity...

CHISHOLM TRAIL MEMORIAL is a bold and timeless dedication to Shirley Chisholm, supported by her own powerful words. Her inspiring quotes are embedded into the ground leading up to the sculpture. This trail tempers visitors to the mindset of this great woman as they approach her monumental bronze representation framed by vertical jets of water and light.

Sculptor **TANDA FRANCIS** is inspired to create public work in the spirit throughout history of honoring great contributors to society through the creation of representational heads. Chisholm Trail is a colossal dedication which the local and international community will seek out and know our commitment to honoring the women who helped build who we are.

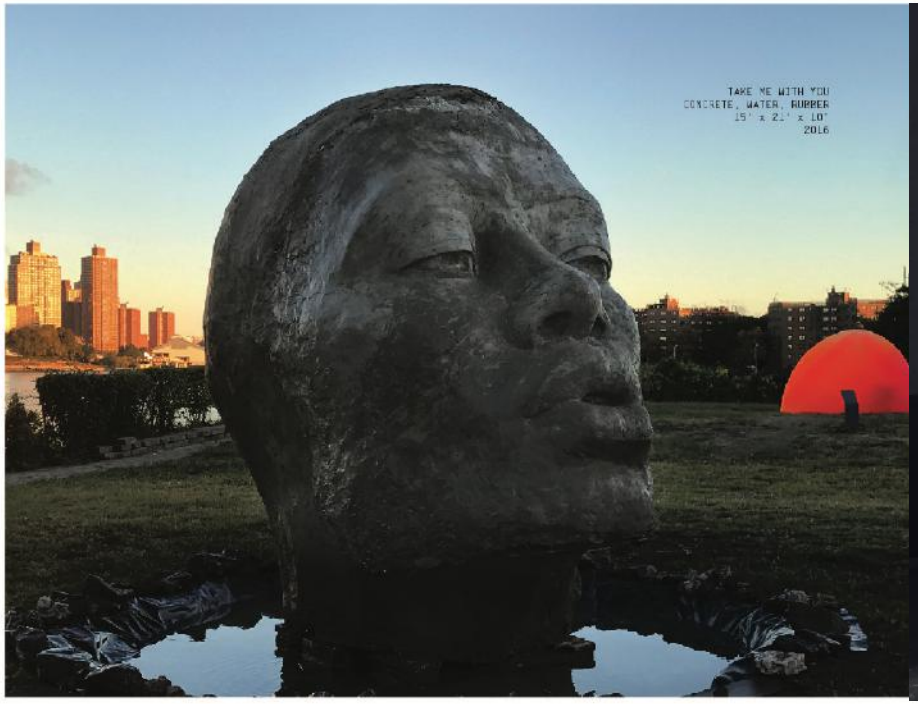
THE PROCESS OF CREATING MODELS
INSPIRE THE DIRECTION OF MY WORK

ADORN ME
(NOW IN FORT GREENE
PARK, BROOKLYN)
July 2018 - June 2019
CONCRETE, STEEL
15’ x 21’ x 10’



ALTAR EGO
2018
Entrance Fort Greene Park
CONCRETE 8.5”x13.5”x8.5”

"Tiara I and II"
Concrete and graphite
6' x 16' x 5.5'
2015



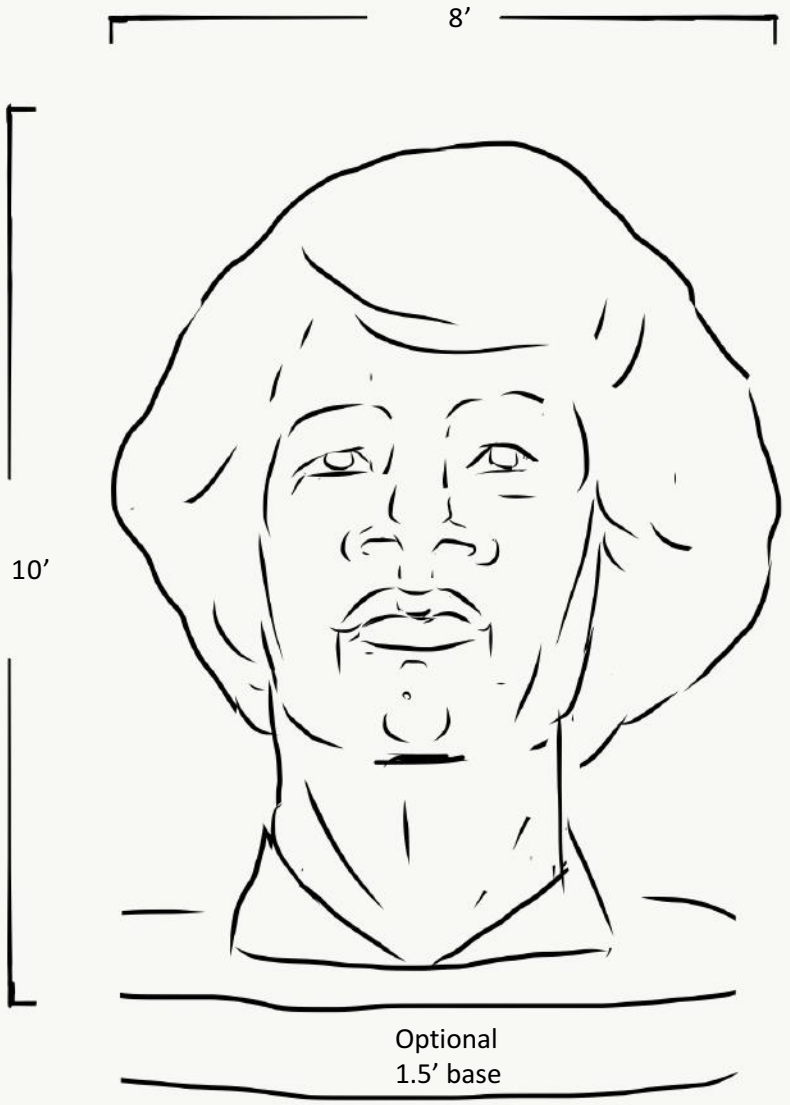
TAKE ME WITH YOU
CONCRETE, WATER, RUBBER
15" x 21" x 10"
2016

I've studied hours of videos and images to achieving the likeness of Shirley Chisholm's.

Throughout this project, I've been in contact with Shirley Chisholm Foundation and her family in order to get approval and confirmation that I've captured her likeness and decisions such as featuring Ms. Chisholm without glasses. I've gotten comments such as

"Moved to tears..."
"You captured the essence of her life story perfectly...."
Love it without the glasses! More intimate..."

At this point in the process, elements such as with or without glasses is a decision I'm still willing to discuss.



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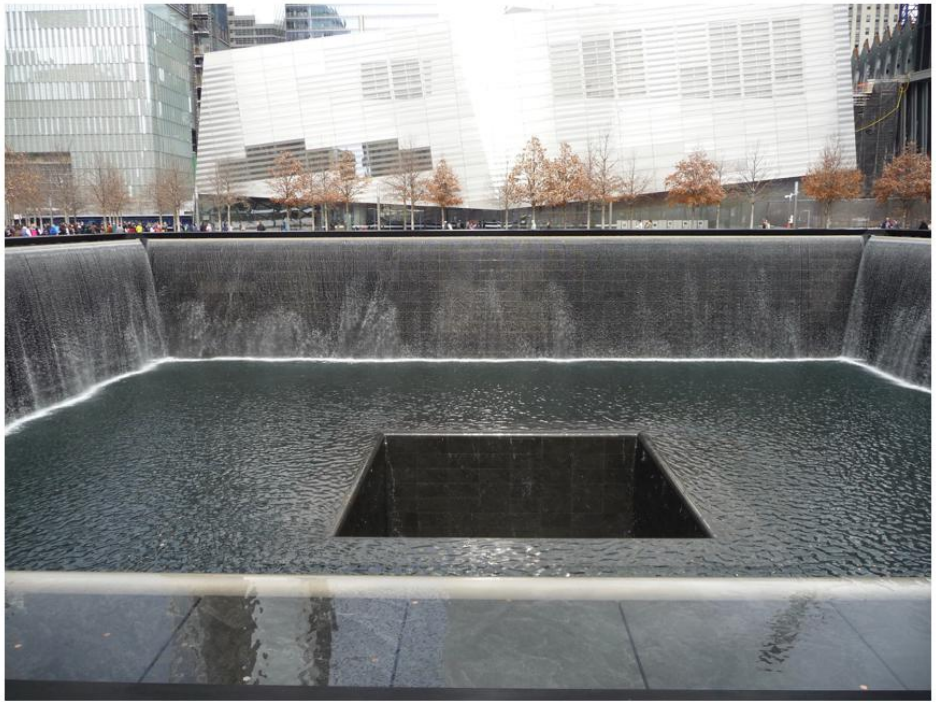
Monumental Bronze Head. General Specs. More detailed specification will be made upon attaining a sculpture site. location.



A rushing water feature around the Chisholm Memorial was included as an added element to transport the viewer into an alternate space which quiets the noise of the city and provide a moment of calm focus. Fountain architects who's projects include breathtaking installations such as The World Trade Center Memorial, are part of The Chisholm Memorial Team to ensure quality and attention to detail for any given site challenges.

THANK YOU

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