

# Backwords iNSIDEoUT'S

Zine



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iNSIDEoUT is a youth-led network of safe spaces, resources, and opportunities for LGBTQ+ youth to unite and organize. We elevate and celebrate the voices and knowledge of LGBTQ+ youth of all backgrounds as forces for justice, liberation, and the eradication of all systems of oppression!

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# iNSIDEoUT's 11th Annual

## Awards Banquet and Gaiety

The Scrap Exchange  
2050 Chapel Hill Rd

May 27, 12-3pm



Join us as we celebrate  
and present awards  
to the Triangle's  
most outstanding queer  
youth and their allies!

**FREE! Suggested Donation: \$3-\$180**



**Untitled**

by Courtnei Hicks



**Self portrait in bunny suit**  
by Courtnei Hicks

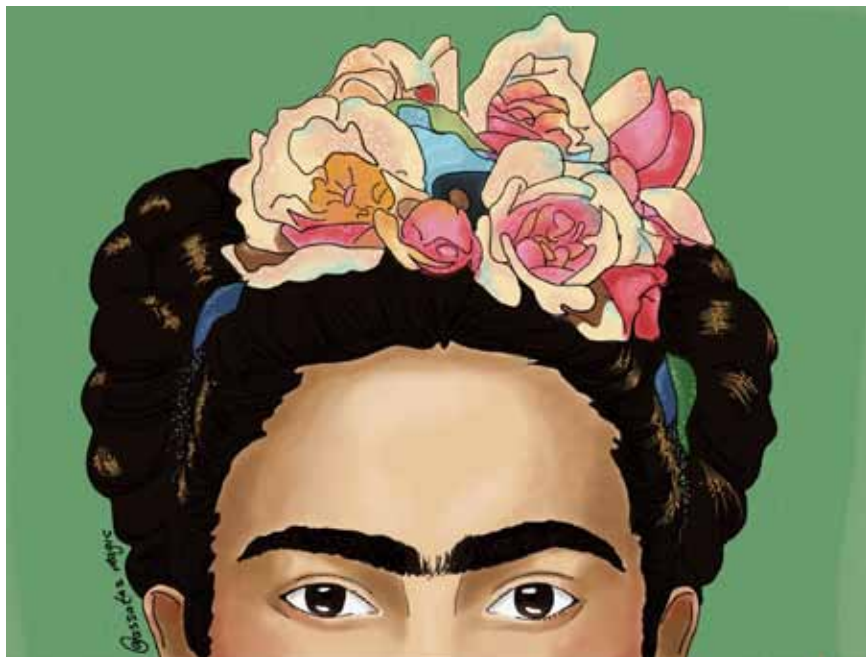


**“Me if I was Cool”**  
by Courtnei Hicks



**Self portait: with powerful flowers**  
by Assata Goff





**Frida's magic**  
by Assata Goff



**Photo by Kellin Lockhart**





By Q Wideman



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by Nicole Tran



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## **Glitter, Blood, Gold, and Tears**

By Jean Paul

We follow the path that only we can take  
Some choosing not to and watch from a tree  
We usually go for happiness sake,  
But I went so that I can be free

It's one covered in glitter, blood, gold and tears  
Some that are walking are incredibly sad  
We all have to deal with those disgustingly mean words and leers,  
So don't you dare tell me that for us it isn't that bad

Not everyone who watches from the ground is mean  
There are some who grab our hands gently, eyes bright like the sun  
Not everything is as bad as it seems  
Lately we don't have to run

If you've read this I'm sure you know who we are  
Please, don't raise your child to hate, but to be a star



## **Comic characters by Tyler Choi**

“Kid monsters is about four non binary kids trapped in a laboratory. They are experimented on, silenced, and treated like objects. Their story is about making the best out of a horrible situation.” -Tyler

## **Keep Our State Straight**

by Erin Batten-Hicks

“Keep our state straight”  
Is among the things I hate  
It is said just to alienate

People not born like you  
So now, the Department of Justice sues  
Yet, you still can't take a clue  
That HB2,

No different than Jim Crow,  
Is a new arbitrary law  
Somehow legally deeming transgender a foe.  
All I can say is a blatant “no”

To the Republican slime  
Who assume transgender people use the restroom,  
hearts intent on crime  
Now, with my catchy rhyme  
I emphasize that this not “love one's neighbor” in it's prime.

Instead of bathroom-banishing,  
Non-straight vanishing,  
Or gender examining,

Let's protect our sisters,  
Not just our cis-ters

And regard our trans brothers  
Not as others.

# kehillah

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