

Cincinnati Art Museum Hank Willis Thomas: All Things Being Equal... Workshop

M'Shinda Abdullah-Broaddus – *"The most revolutionary thing a person can do is be open to change"* Response Transcript

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Hello, my name is M'Shinda
Abdullah-Broaddus and I'm both

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humbled and honored to be
considered to contribute to the

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conversation on Hank Willis
Thomas's work for The Workshop.

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My response, I chose to respond
to the quote - "The most

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revolutionary thing a person can
do is be open to change."

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An I couldn't help but to think

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about how important it is, in
these times, to be open to

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change, especially when speaking
to our allies allies, to the, to

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the causes that affect people of
color and Queer people all over

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this country. So often I think
people, you know, treat allyship

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as this stamp, that one can
give themselves, to prove that

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their champion for the cause.
However, that's not what you

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allyship is, in my opinion. To me,
you have to practice active

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allyship and you do, you have to
be extremely open and willing to

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engage and mold to the way that,
that may change in the future.

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You know, being an ally in 1940,
the ways that you can practice

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active allyship in 1940 are not
the same ways that you can

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practice active allyship and in

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2020. Those things change as
the, the tools will

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oppression and means of
injustice change. And in order

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to be, I think, the most, the
most productive ally, you

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really do have to be a person
who is open to that change.

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You have to be open to
learning and relearning. How

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these changes can inform the
way that we work towards

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building a better future.

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So I would like to thank you
all very much and I hope you

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have a wonderful evening.