

George Stinney

October 21, 1929 – June 16, 1944 (14 years old)



How did you first hear about the Dearly Beloved project?

I believe Laura Montgomery from Bunker Hill Community College told me of this.

What was your motivation behind participating in this project?

African American stories need to be told, drawn and written about. Much of my own work centers on that.

Who did you paint? Why?

George Stinney. Because he never got a fair trial or justice. His story should be told 70 plus years later.

Did you conduct research on the victim before you started the painting? If so, what was that experience like?

Yes. I had known about him and it was heartbreaking that it took 70 years for an exoneration that came decades late.

What has collaborating in the Dearly Beloved project meant to you?

Being a part of something bigger than me. It was an honor to participate.

Were there any changes in your views, ideas, perceptions, from the time you started this project to the time you finished?

No. They are consistent. Our stories must be told.

Shea Justice is a local artist.

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