### LOVE! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Here is what the Teen Council has to say about the following:

#### HOW HAS LOVE CHANGED THROUGHOUT HISTORY?

Marli: Throughout history, the expression and acceptance of love has become a given, rather than a luxury. We live in an age when many get to love and have partners of their own choosing, and family isn't strictly based on genealogy. It's not exactly that the concept or feeling of love has changed, but that more people get to experience the beauty of it.

## WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DO YOU THINK IT INFLUENCES YOUR LIFE?

Camille: Love to me is the personal expression of affection and appreciation. My biggest influence is my family. Though they all express love in different ways, they've never failed to show me what love should feel like or how i should make others feel.

#### WHY IS LOVE EXPRESSED SO DIFFERENTLY?

Bianca: Social customs have largely dictated the way different cultures express or interpret love. Love is used as the subject matter in art globally, with interpretations spanning from paintings, sculptures, and photographs. Art allows love to be expressed more abstractly, which is why it is readily used by all cultures to portray the emotion.

## HOW DID THE TEEN COUNCIL CHOOSE THE ARTWORKS FOR THIS GUIDE?

Safiya: Love is boundless and does not stop when faced with a variety of relationship types. Love exists in a multitude of forms, as shown in *Slow Shuffle* or the stele with Vishnu and Lakshmi. Platonic love can be illustrated within the intimate bonds you share with close friends like in the story of Lady Godiva's journey to the DMA. Communal love is shown in the headdress (D'mba), which gathers communities through many ceremonies. Motherly love, or familiar love, is displayed in the stone statue of Ganesha.

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# Teen Gallery Guide

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#### **ABOUT THIS GUIDE:**

Love is unique!

Use this guide written by teens, for teens, to help you understand more about love in art. You can enjoy the guide on your own or with a friend.

This guide highlights artworks created to show different types of love: community togetherness, love for a location or place, familiar love and friendship, and romantic intimacy.







Lady Godiva Anne Whitney

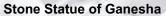
In the classic story of Lady Godiva, we see the great love she had for her people by agreeing to ride nude through the city to protest her husband's oppressive taxation of his subjects. In addition to the statement and strength of this sculpture, we also wanted to showcase the familiar love of Dr. Alessandra Comini, who gifted this sculpture to the DMA in loving memory of her dear friend Dr. Eleanor Tufts.

What is a cause you
would fight for?
Who is your best friend
and why?





Although Ganesha's journey to being a beloved deity had a rough start, by being beheaded by Shiva, his own father, it was his mother, Parvati, whose love led to his rebirth. After Ganesha was brought back, Shiva agreed to restore him with the head of an elephant. Ganesha went on to become one of the most beloved deities in India.



Like Parvati, who are the motherly figures that have helped you along your journey?

In this artwork, Vishnu and Lakshmi show true love and desire as they embrace each other lovingly. Not only do they represent a devoted romantic relationship, but their union positively impacts the world by bringing peace, balance, and prosperity to all.



Stele with Vishnu and Lakshmi

Is there a relationship in your life that brings you joy?

