

# Avalon Hogans

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## Bio

Avalon Hogans is a writer and artist for change. She served as the 2021-2022 Houston Youth Poet Laureate and was awarded a day in her name from Mayor Sylvester Turner for her work (Avalon Hogans Day, November 17). Avalon likes to explore Black history and self-expression in multidisciplinary works. She has had her artworks (ranging from writing, sculptures, collage, and performance) exhibited by the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH), Freedmen's Town Visitor Center, Studio Kër, and Azadi. Avalon has also curated art for Azadi in Nairobi, Kenya. She is a current Freedmen's Town Research Fellow at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) and a Mellon Mays Fellow at Rice University. Avalon is a junior at Rice studying Creative Writing and African American Studies. Her ultimate goal is to reclaim lost truths through art.

## Exhibitions and Shows

May 2024 - Present

**Freedmen's Town Visitor Center** (*Houston, TX*)

*THIS WAY: A Houston Group Show*

August 2024

**Contemporary Arts Museum Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

*Poems of Their Future*

July 2024

**Azadi Kenya** (*Nairobi, Kenya*)

*Azadi Ethical Storytelling Project*

April 2024

**Studio Kër** (*Houston, TX*)

*Our House*

December 2023 - March 2024

**Contemporary Arts Museum Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

*THIS WAY: A Houston Group Show*

January 2024

**Rice University** (*Houston, TX*)

*Out of Bounds, a Black Student Fashion Show*

## Speakings, Readings, Performances

May 2024

**Houston Freedmen's Town Conservancy** (*Houston, TX*)

Freedmen's Town Visitor Center Opening

April 2024

**Rice University CERCL** (*Houston, TX*)

Empower and Lead: Voices of Change

March 2024

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church** (*Houston, TX*)

Palm Sunday Service

April 2024

**Rice University BSA** (*Houston, TX*)

Soul Night

October 2023

**Alta Arts** (*Houston, TX*)

Poet Laureate Showcase

October 2023

**Houston Landing Live** (*Houston, TX*)

Voting Awareness at the Hobby Center with Bun B

September 2023

**Rice University** (*Houston, TX*)

R2: Rice Review Open Mic Night

August 2023

**Children's Museum Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

Powerful Poets Showcase

June 2023

**Celebrate Freedom at Emancipation Park** (*Houston, TX*)

Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration

June 2023

**Rice University PSA** (*Houston, TX*)

Film Production for Rice University 2023 Commercial

May 2023

**Houston Rockets** (*Houston, TX*)

Juneteenth Video Production of "Story of Freedom" in Freedmen's Town

May 2023

**BIPOC Book Fest** (*Houston, TX*)

2nd Annual BIPOC Book Festival at Asia Society Texas Center

April 2023

**Mami Wata: Uncovering Heritage Through Opera** (*Houston, TX*)

Opera Debut at Alta Arts

April 2023

**Healthy Futures of Texas** (*Houston, TX*)

12th Annual Symposium

April 2023

**Delta Sigma Theta Houston Alumnae Chapter** (*Houston, TX*)

2023 Author's Showcase

March 2023

**March for Our Lives** (*Austin, TX*)

Rally at the Texas State Capitol

February 2023

**Bella Vista Missionary Baptist Church** (*Houston, TX*)

African American History Program

February 2023

**Delta Sigma Theta Houston Alumnae Chapter** (*Houston, TX*)

Golden Girls Ceremony

February 2023

**Avenida Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

Celebrate Black History Month

February 2023

**Texas Southern University** (*Houston, TX*)

KTSU 90.9 FM Interview and Black History Month Reading

January 2023

**Houston Sports Awards** (*Houston, TX*)

“The Night of the Century” at Wortham Theatre

January 2023

**University of Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

Black Student Union Poetry Slam

January 2023

**Rice University Black Student Association** (*Houston, TX*)

“The Fight for Social Justice in Houston” MLK Day Vigil at Rice Memorial Chapel

December 2022

**North America Poetry Society** (*International—U.S. and China*)

U.S. China New Year Poetry Reading Gala

November 2022

**Rice University** (*Houston, TX*)

Society of Latino Alumni at Rice’s Raíces a Ramas: Cincuenta Años Gala at River Oaks Country Club

November 2022

**Bloomsday Literary** (*Houston, TX*)

Literary Luminaries Mixer

November 2022

**Houston Public Library and Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs** (*Houston, TX*)

Writer's in the Schools' 7th Houston Youth Poet Laureate Commencement Ceremony

November 2022

**Mayor Sylvester Turner** (*Houston, TX*)

Mayor's State of the City Address

November 2022

**Defender Network** (*Houston, TX*)

"Why I Vote" Segment

October 2022

**Rice University** (*Houston, TX*)

Presidential Inauguration Dinner with the Association of Rice University Black Alumni

October 2022

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**

(*Missouri City, TX*)

Freedom Fund Banquet

October 2022

**League of Women's Voters** (*Houston, TX*)

Early Voting Rally at Emancipation Park

October 2022

**Texas Southern University** (*Houston, TX*)

Impact Houston Live on KTSU 90.9 FM

September 2022

**Rice University** (*Houston, TX*)

R2: Rice Review Open Mic Night

September 2022

**Mayor Sylvester Turner** (*Houston, TX*)

National Nonpartisan Conversation on Voters Rights at Hilton Americas

September 2022

**NASA** (*Houston, TX*)

60th Anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Moonshot Speech at the Rice University Stadium

August 2022

**Rec Room Arts** (*Houston, TX*)

Opening Night for *Is God Is*

July 2022

**POST HTX** (*Houston, TX*)

Skylawn Youth Poetry Invitational

June 2022

**POST HTX** (*Houston, TX*)

“Black is Primary” Juneteenth Festival

June 2022

**CoreLogic** (*Dallas, TX*)

Juneteenth Event

June 2022

**March for Our Lives** (*Houston, TX*)

Houston City Hall Rally

June 2022

**The Hobby Center for Performing and Visual Arts** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Graduation

April 2022

**BIPOC Book Fest** (*Houston, TX*)

Annual Festival at Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

April 2022

**Miller Outdoor Theatre** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA 50th Anniversary

April 2022

**National Poetry Month: A Library Desk Concert** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Showcase

April 2022

**Koffee House** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Annual Black History Showcase

March 2022

**Houston Public Library** (*Houston, TX*)

Write on! Podcast

March 2022

**Young Texas Artists** (*Conroe, TX*)

Poetry Showcase

March 2022

**Rothko Chapel** (*Houston, TX*)

Beyond the Rhetoric: Civil Rights & Our Shared Responsibility

March 2022

**Contemporary Arts Museum Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

Woodson Black Fest

March 2022

**Esque** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Senior Show

March 2022

**Writer's in the Schools** (*Houston, TX*)

Youth Poetry Open Mic at Mercantile Montrose

February 2022

**Houston Public Library** (*Houston, TX*)

A Celebration of Black Voices

January 2022

**Write About Now Poetry** (*Houston, TX*)

Women of the World Poetry Slam

January 2022

**China U.S. New Year Poetry Reception Gala** (*International*)

Annual International Livestream

November 2021

**Houston Public Library and Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs** (*Houston, TX*)

Writer's in the Schools' 6th Houston Youth Poet Laureate Commencement Ceremony

November 2021

**Girl Up Houston and Houston Youth Climate Strike** (*Houston, TX*)

WomEnvironment: Climate Justice and Gender Equality Panel

November 2021

**Houston Youth Activism Coalition and March for Our Lives Houston** (*Houston, TX*)

Activism Bootcamp

April 2021

**Discovery Green** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Off the Page

April 2021

**NASA and Rice University** (*International—U.S., Ecuador, and Scotland*)

NASA Downlink

March 2021

**Venus** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Annual Women's History Showcase

October 2020

**Alphabet Soup** (*Houston, TX*)

Kinder HSPVA Annual LGBT+ History Showcase

July 2020

**Art for Amends** (*Houston, TX*)

Virtual Fundraiser for Black Lives Matter Houston and local nonprofits

October 2019

**National Period Day** (*Houston, TX*)

Houston City Hall Rally with Rep. Sylvia Garcia

February 2018

**Houston Independent School District** (*Houston, TX*)

District Board Meeting



## **Publications**

April 2024

**Rice Review** - “The Idea of You”

August 2023

**Rice University - The Inauguration of Reginald Desroches-** “Beautiful Day”

November 2022

**Rice University - Society of Latino Alumni at Rice** - “Skyline of Mine”

October 2022

**Defender** - “Why I Vote”

October 2022

**Impact Houston Live on KTSU 90.9 The Choice** - “Why I Vote”

July 2022

**Rothko Chapel** - “BIG RED ROAD”

June 2022

**Houston Arts Journal** - “A Lesson on the Intruder Drill Alphabet”

May 2022

**HSPVA 50th Project** - “Lights, Camera, Legacy”

March 2022

**Write on! Houston Public Library Podcast** - “Roots”

January 2022

**Write About Now Poetry** - “Ethereal” (excerpt)

January 2022

**Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs** - “Resolutions”

December 2021

**Houston Arts Journal** - “BIG RED ROAD”

## Articles and Interviews

July 2024

**Rice University News and Media** - [“Rice student’s Juneteenth poem celebrates legacy of Freedmen’s Town”](#)

May 2024

**Rice Annual Fund** - [“The Fruits of Artistic Freedom”](#)

April 2024

**Shoutout HTX** - [“Meet Avalon Hogans | Writer, Artist, and Civic Leader”](#)

September 2023

**Voyage Houston** - [“Daily Inspiration: Meet Avalon Hogans”](#)

June 2023

**All Real Radio** - Juneteenth Oral Histories

April 2023

**The Alta Arts** - [“Mami Wata: Uncovering Heritage through Opera”](#)

November 2022

**Defender** - [“Meet Avalon Hogans: Houston’s Youth Poet Laureate”](#)

October 2022

**Impact Houston Live on KTSU 90.9 The Choice** - Houston Youth Poet Laureate Interview

September 2022

**Houston Life on KPRC 2** - [“Houston’s youth poet laureate spoke at 60th anniversary of JFK’s moon speech”](#)

September 2022

**Bloomsday Literary**- [“Dear Sirs”](#)

September 2022

**Rice University News and Media Relations** - [“JFK: We will go to the moon. NASA: We will go farther.”](#)

June 2022

**Houston Arts Journal** - [“Houston’s Youth Poet Laureate writes a poem after Uvalde, speaks out against gun violence”](#)

April 2022

**Defender** - [“Photos: Kinder HSPVA ‘Encore 50’ celebration of excellence”](#)

March 2022

**Write on! Houston Public Library Podcast** - Houston Youth Poet Laureate Interview

December 2021

**Houston Arts Journal** - [“Meet Avalon Hogans, Houston Youth Poet Laureate”](#)

December 2021

**Houston Arts Journal** - [“Houston names a new Youth Poet Laureate, as interest in poetry grows in Texas”](#)

April 2021

**Rice University News and Media Relations** - [“Houston students get time with astronauts aboard ISS”](#)

## **Fellowships and Awards**

2024-2025

**Contemporary Arts Museum** - Houston Freedmen’s Town Fellow

2024-2025

**Rice University** - Mellon Mays Fellow

2024

**Rice University** - Loewenstern Fellow

2023-2024

**Contemporary Arts Museum** - Houston Freedmen’s Town Fellow

April 2023

**Delta Sigma Theta Houston Alumnae Chapter** - Young Writer Award

April 2023

**Rice University** - Sid Richardson College 2022-2023 Vivian Guan Award for the Arts

2021-2022

**Houston Independent School District** - Youth Volunteer of the Year

2021-2022

**Kinder HSPVA** - Diversity Series Leader Award

November 17, 2021

**City of Houston** - Avalon Hogans Day Proclamation

November 2021

**Houston Public Library, Mayor’s Office of Cultural Affairs, and Writer’s in the Schools** - 6th Houston Youth Poet Laureate

May 2021

**Kinder HSPVA** - Department of Creative Writing Citizenship Award

May 2020

**Kinder HSPVA** - HSPVA Parents of Black History Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Grant