“Music is one of my major inspirations when I create. It will often become part subject matter of a series (#theStylo12) or push the visual texture of a collection (Sous Bas’ well known ‘AFRORAVE’ posters) - but its influence is always present in my work and artmaking practices.

Music is a necessary tool in my visual alchemy.

Poster design has proven to be a great avenue to reach viewers and musicians alike in my career - adding to an ever-growing network of creatives and opportunities to collaborate. This fusion has resulted in a number of posters and print promo commissioned by local musicians and venues, both past and present.

Using collage, a technique I am currently exploring at length in my work, I’ve curated four tableaux that review my visual aesthetic - ever-changing, yet always identifiable - and its evolving relationship to the local music scene.”

- Stylo Starr

About the Artist:
Stylo Starr is a visual alchemist, known primarily for her multi-layered collage work, which has been featured on large public installations, international publications and apparel. Starr’s visual investigations surround predominantly BIPOCs and their relationship to the basic principles and elements of design, while reaffirming their agency as revered subjects of art history. Evelyn Myrie writes: “For Starr, her work is a ‘practice in revolutionary love’, rejecting the lingering effects of white supremacist ideology.”

Stylo has been featured at the Art Gallery of Hamilton alongside the works of Andy Warhol in 2017, and recently completed a residency with the Cotton Factory continuing her explorations in collage and multimedia arts. Find more of Stylo’s work on Instagram @stylostarr or visit her Facebook fanpage: Stylo Starr. Stylo’s work will be on display until May 27, 2019.
The Anne Foster Windows:
As part of the City of Hamilton, Tourism and Culture Division’s ongoing support of the creative industries, local artists are invited to create and install window displays that celebrate Hamilton’s music scene. This space, the Anne Foster Window, is a fitting home for music themed displays as the entryway lead to the Anne Foster Music shop for almost 50 years (1947-1995). For more information visit www.hamilton.ca/music.