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Revealed: The 30 Most Fascinating Chicagoans

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10. Brendan Fernandes, [@brendanfernandes](#)

WHO: Dance, performance and visual artist

WHY: Nairobi, Kenya-born and Toronto-raised, Fernandes has been fully embraced by Chicago's artist community since arriving in Chicago in 2016. Along with shows and performances across the country and around the world, Fernandes has some big Chicago news this month: the debut of a new work on Sept. 12 to kick off the new season of ART on THE MART.

INSPIRED BY: "I'm finding inspiration in the communities that I am a part of—I am being inspired by us being together, gathering and dancing to make space that defines a sense of solidarity. Being able to gather and support each other allows for me to think with optimism about a better future with new possibilities."