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**New Generation Fine Arts Foundation Opens Registration
to Young Aspiring Artists of All Races and Abilities**

DETROIT - New Generation Fine Arts Foundation (NewGen) is excited to make its debut as a performance and visual based foundation with the purpose of showcasing youth from underrepresented groups, the mentally ill, and those with developmental disabilities. Registration is now open for NewGen's inaugural event, Blaqk BoxSM through their website, www.NewGenFineArts.org.

Blaqk BoxSM will debut July 20-21, 2018. Classes will be held at Legacy Dance Studio in Southfield, Michigan and the Showcase will be held at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Early bird registration for classes is open through June 1 at a promotional rate. Class registration and auditions are open to the public. Auditions must include at least one artist from an underserved ethnicity (i.e., African American, Hispanic, etc.), developmentally disabled, or mentally ill group and be submitted by June 1. Audition acceptance notifications for the Blaqk BoxSM Showcase Concert will be sent in June.

The foundation's signature event, Blaqk BoxSM, includes two days of master classes and educational workshops taught by renowned industry professionals and culminates in a showcase of talent. Classes will include Dance, Painting, Vocal, and Stage Confidence. Programs are available for elementary through college aged students in the Metro Detroit area. For specific program information about Blaqk BoxSM, visit www.BlaqkBox.org.

New Generation Fine Arts Foundation was created by Kendall Owens, an honors college, double major in dance and nursing at Western Michigan University. Kendall has performed in dance the majority of her life and envisions a vehicle to promote the arts while also giving back to the youth of her community.

"As a young child, I realized the powerful impact the arts could have on people regardless of their color or ability." Kendall goes on to say, "But I noticed access to opportunities presented challenges to some youth from under-represented and developmentally disabled groups. I intend to use my foundation to make opportunities available to everyone."

The foundation's mission is to offer greater accessibility and opportunity for underserved, aspiring artists, the mentally ill, and those with developmental disabilities in emerging generations.

NewGen's vision is for all artists to have endless opportunities and resources that inspire cultivation of their craft and cultural awareness for greater community engagement.

NewGen presents an Art Exhibition with works by L.A. native and internationally renowned artist, Kenneth Gatewood, on display May 11 to June 4, 2018 at The Carr Center Gallery. For more information, please visit <https://www.thecarrcenter.org>.

New Generation Fine Arts Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created for educational and charitable purposes and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity having exempt status. NewGen takes a holistic approach to presenting fine arts and its core activities to underserved youth, the mentally ill, and those with developmental disabilities.

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*All the Best,
Kendall Owens
Executive and Artistic Director
New Generation Fine Arts Foundation*