

2026

Expo Chicago Edition

KINFOLK COLLECTIVE

ART + CUSINE + COMMUNITY + CULTURE



April 8th - 12th 2026

KINFOLK COLLECTIVE: BLACK PEPPER EXPERIENCE

About

Kinfolk Collective's 2026 EXPO Chicago Edition is a curated suite of immersive cultural experiences for art enthusiasts, collectors, and cultural leaders, presented in collaboration with Recycled Modern, Marks On Canvas, and Golden Our. The series celebrates Black creative brilliance across art, design, cuisine, and community through intentional, multi-sensory moments.

Anchored by Black Pepper: EXPO Chicago Edition, the experience brings together artists, curators, collectors, and cultural stewards to honor Black creativity, ownership, and legacy through shared exchange and connection.



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BIANCA MARKS
Founder
Marks On Canvas



SHARI D. CURRIE
Owner
Recycled Modern



OGECHI HARRY
Founder
Golden Our

Dinner **Wednesday**

BLACK PEPPER

Hosted in partnership with the DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center, Black Pepper is Kinfolk's signature dinner, an opening week gathering and curated art, dining, and music experience spotlighting Black owned artists, chefs, businesses, and creatives, with thoughtfully crafted menus and cocktails.

40 Guests



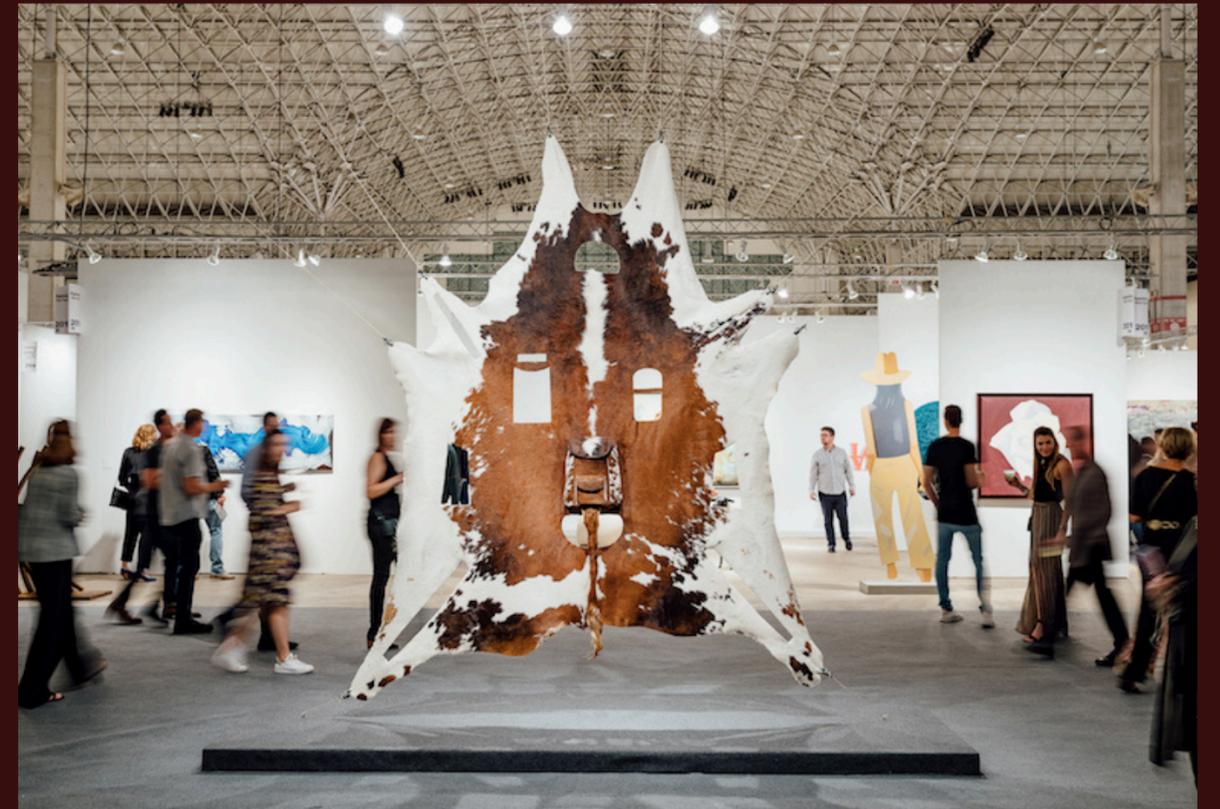
Thursday *Tour*

GATHERED

An intimate, guided tour for values-led collectors and cultural patrons during EXPO, based on Golden Our's curated selection of exhibiting galleries. The tour will include collecting guidance centered around intentional cultural stewardship.

French 75 cocktails + elevated mocktails stations

25 Guests



Mixer **Friday**

THE ARTIST LOUNGE

A curated cocktail hour connecting artists with Bianca Marks of Marks On Canvas, focused on building authentic relationships, offering strategic insight, and opening pathways to representation and career advancement. The gathering creates an intimate setting for open dialogue, mentorship, and shared resources, strengthening creative networks and supporting long-term artistic sustainability
30-50 Guests



Saturday *Exhibition & Chat*

THE FRONT ROOM

The Front Room, presented in partnership with Black Girls in Art Spaces, features a public-facing exhibition and fireside chat with Woman in the Arts. Drawing inspiration from Black front-room traditions, the experience centers dialogue, reflection, and collective wisdom. Through art, conversation, and community, The Front Room creates space for shared storytelling and cultural exchange.
60 Guests



"PREVIOUS ITERATIONS"

SPONSORSHIP

Levels

PRESENTING PARTNER
\$10,000

- “Presented by” across Black Pepper, the Tour, and Artist Lounge
- A custom storytelling moment and signature brand activation
- 8 VIP passes + full access to all events + EXPO VIP entry
- Prominent logo placement on all materials and promotions
- Ongoing visibility before, during, and after EXPO

CULTURAL PARTNER
\$5,000

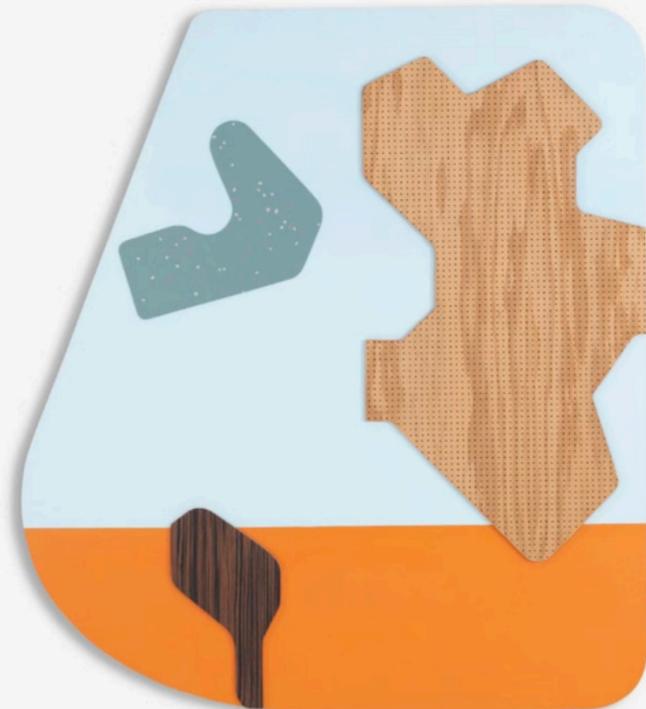
- 4 tickets to all Kinfolk Collective EXPO Chicago events VIP passes
- Logo placement on event flyers and marketing materials
- Brand inclusion across digital promotions
- On-site recognition
- 2 dedicated social media mentions
- Post-event recap inclusion

COMMUNITY PARTNER
\$2500

- 2 tickets to Black Pepper: EXPO Chicago Edition Dinner
- Invitation to The Front Room Brunch
- Logo placement on select signage + digital assets
- Social media mention
- Inclusion in post-event recap

IN-KIND PARTNER

- Logo on all materials + website
- Social media thank-you posts
- On-site recognition signage
- Inclusion in sponsor roll call



PROSPECTIVE BEVERAGE *Partners*



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Team



Founded by Bianca Marks, Marks On Canvas is an artist management firm that helps creatives operate sustainable studios and focus on their practice. With over 15 years in arts administration, Bianca has represented leading artists and built partnerships with major cultural institutions. The firm streamlines operations, increases visibility, and supports long term artistic and financial growth.



GOLDEN OUR

Founded by Ogechi Harry, Golden Our is a lifestyle advisory and cultural consultancy focused on intentional collecting rooted in the African Diaspora. Combining legal expertise with design strategy, Ogechi helps clients build heirloom quality collections grounded in heritage and placemaking. Based in Chicago, Golden Our advances equity in private and commercial collecting spaces.



Founded by Shari Currie, Recycled Modern is a woman owned gallery and event lounge showcasing Chicago artists, designers, and makers. Known for its curated blend of art, vintage, and modern design, the space bridges emerging and established talent. Based in Hyde Park, it serves as a cultural hub for exhibitions, gatherings, and community storytelling.

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Partners



PARTNERSHIP

Invitation

Kinfolk's mission through Black Pepper is a communal one rather than a financial one. Black Pepper aims to celebrate Black creative excellence by fostering fellowship that supports a community of allies. Sponsorship contributions towards this goal are prioritized towards event costs rather than a profit.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT:

- BEVERAGE SPONSORSHIP
- DECOR AND EVENT DESIGN
- BRAND COLLABORATIONS
- VENUE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sponsorship opportunities are flexible and varied. Feel free to reach out to Ogechi Harry at hello@goldenourcollective.com for additional information.