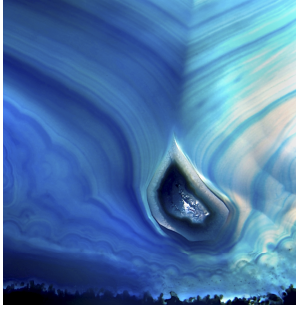


# *SAPPHIRE & CRYSTALS:* *FORWARD*



**JULY 15 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**

**BRIDGEPORT ART CENTER 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR GALLERY**

1200 W 35th St, Chicago

**ARTISTS TALK: FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 7-10 P.M.**

Sapphire & Crystals Artists:

Rose Blouin	Nicole Malcolm
Tianna Bracey	Alkebuluan Merriweather
Dorothy Carter	Yaoundé Olu
Arlene Turner-Crawford	Alicia Piller
Makeba Kedem-DuBose	Felicia Grant Preston
Evelyn Davis-Frazier	Patricia A. Stewart
Kiah Zellner-Smith	Shirley Sullivan
Juarez Hawkins	Dorian Sylvain
Candace Hunter	Shyvette Williams
Malika Jackson	Trish Williams
Renee Williams-Jefferson	

## **JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF SAPPHIRE & CRYSTALS EXHIBITIONS!**

Sapphire & Crystals, a collective of African American women artists in Chicago, was initially conceived by Marva Lee Pitchford Jolly and Felicia Grant Preston. Their idea that women artists of African descent could produce their own exhibitions resulted in the collective's first show at the historic South Side Community Art Center (SSCAC) in 1987. In its thirty-five-year history, more than 40 of the most dynamic African American female artists in the United States have participated in exhibits at galleries, museums, and art centers within Chicago and beyond. The works by each artist addressing various themes including race and gender, limited palettes, and honoring their pasts, exemplify the diversity within the group. The theme for the current show, *FORWARD*, signals the renewed enthusiasm that members are embracing in movement toward new artistic opportunities in a changing cultural landscape.