

Affinity Circle Membership Drive



**Empower Creativity / Enrich Community
Through Diversity in the Arts**



Join us in Changing the Narrative.

**This afternoon we look
forward to you discovering
how you can lend your
voice and vision to sustain
and expand the mission of
Suncoast Black Arts
Collaborative**

The Affinity Circle:

- Sharing vision and values, ideas, and interest in diversity in the arts.
- Together, we can ensure the creative brilliance and contributions of artists of color and continue to inspire and shape our shared cultural future.



SBAC: Past, Present, and Future Works



Our presence is felt in the Suncoast through partnerships to host our successful events and exhibitions. From 2020 to 2025, some of those partnerships include:

Florida Studio Theatre

Sarasota Opera

Venice Theatre

Van Wezel Performing Arts Theatre

Sarasota Orchestra

Collaborations / Partnerships

West Coast
Black Theatre
Troupe

North County
Library

Sarasota Art
Museum

Boys and
Girls Clubs

Sarasota
Housing
Authority

Sarasota
County
Schools

Big Brothers
and Sisters

The Arts
Associates

Collaborations / Partnerships

Manatee
Performing
Arts Center

WSLR /
Fogartville

Ringling
College of Art
and Design

University of
South Florida

State College
of Florida

ASALH

The Arts and
Cultural
Alliance

Accomplishments



Recognized by Sarasota Magazine in 2021 as the **BEST** organization to bring the community together around diversity in the arts. Hosted 5 Arts and Racial Justice Discovery Series from 2020 to 2024



“Syllabus of Color” – art programs in Booker Schools and Newtown community organizations for 2 consecutive years



Outreach and serving over 144 artists of African descent and BIPOC Cultures from Tampa to Miami



Business of Art symposiums for artists of color with the goal for artists economic prosperity



Hosted extensive highly successful juried exhibitions in Sarasota/Manatee Counties 5 consecutive years

Your Support Fuels The Arts

Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative is dedicated to amplifying the creativity and voices of artists of color across the Sarasota/Manatee region. We believe in the power of art to inspire, connect, and transform lives. **Your donation is a direct investment in these incredible talents, providing them with resources, visibility, and opportunities they need to thrive.**



Your generosity powers our mission

Be a friend of SBAC to help
reach our goal – honored
by your presence and
commitment to this work.



Introducing the 2025 Art Innovation Zone Artists



DOMINIC AVANTE



JEANNETTE BRADLEY



LILY EVANS



WONDA GRANVILLE



ALLEN PETTIGREW



DONNA M.
RICHARDSON

Your contribution
supports exhibitions,
development, and
cultural equity
initiatives for artists of
African descent.



Without art and the spectrum of color, health and well-being are left without the embrace of diverse creativity.



Your contribution
supports a force
that will carry the
importance of our
mission with
legacy and
evolution in mind.



Your contribution supports education that promotes artists of African descent, helping them achieve self-sustaining independence through a creative process.



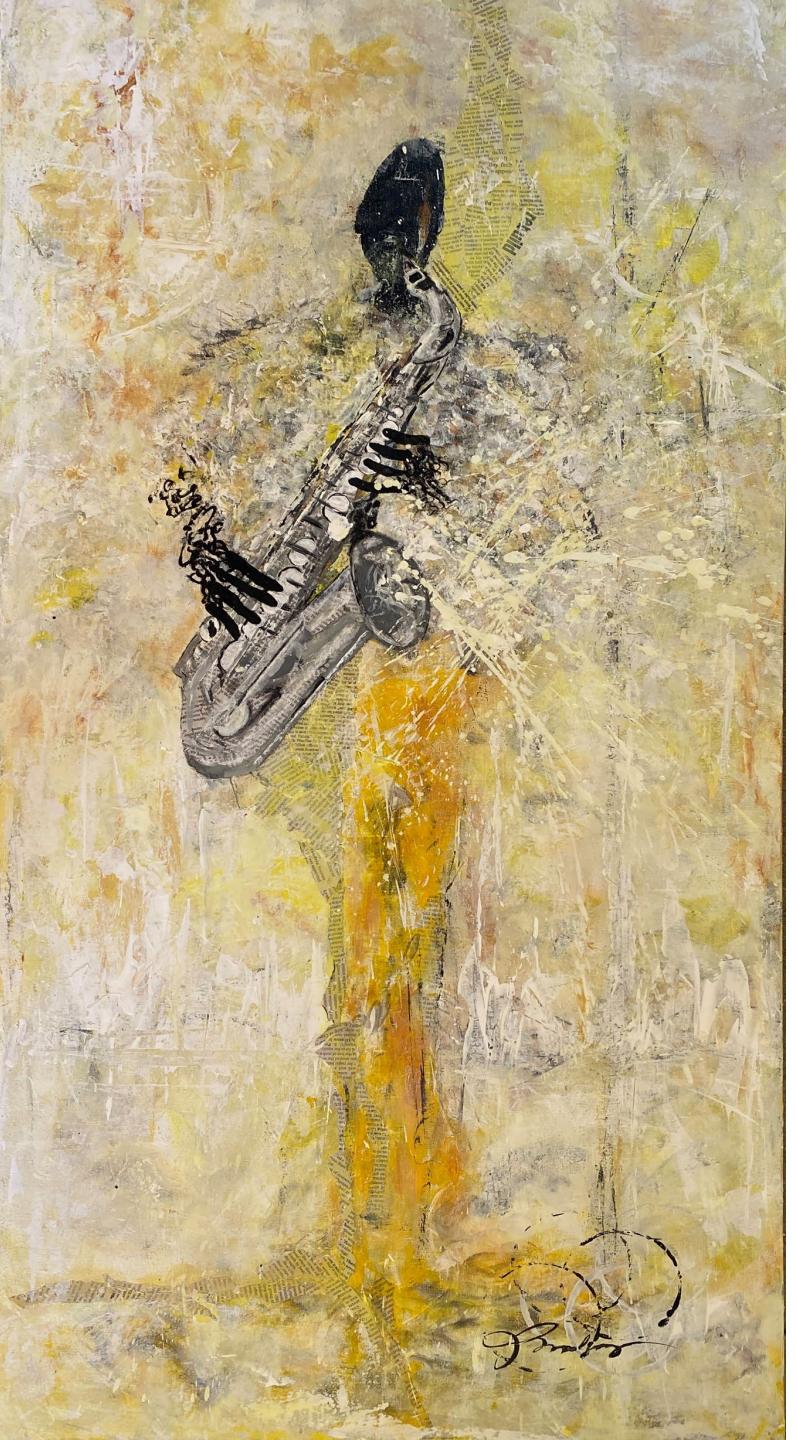
Artists of African Descent & BIPOC Populations account for approximately 3% of all art represented in museums and galleries across the US.



Art funding has been cut from every governmental budget at the Federal, state, and local levels, as well as cut from major foundations that have historically supported the arts.

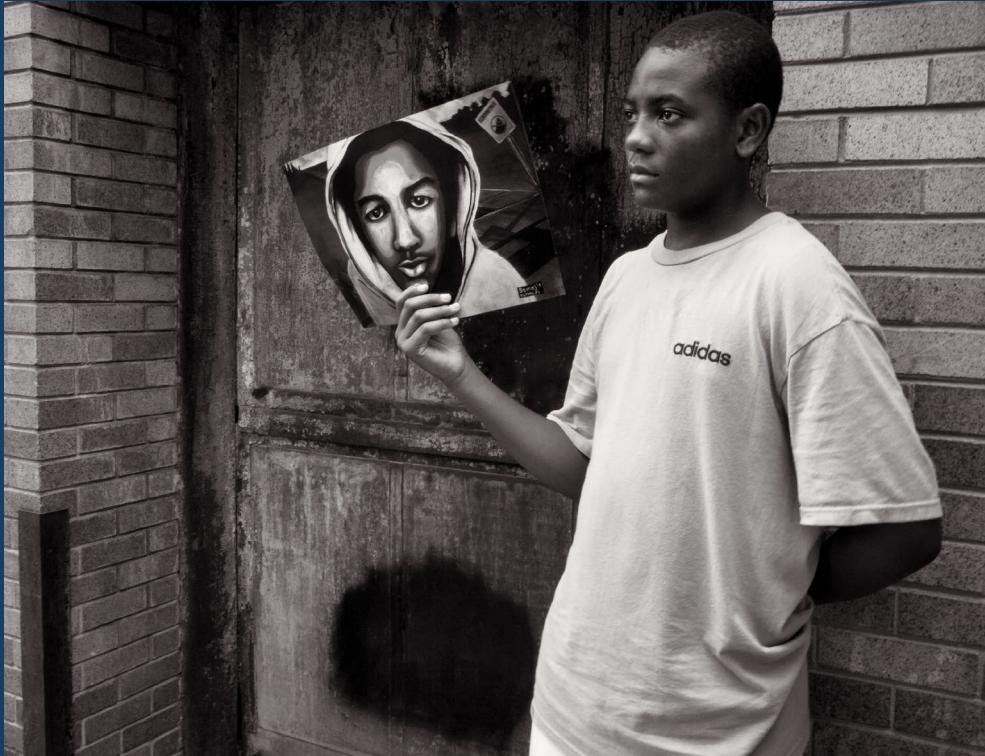


The value of art cannot be underestimated; art communicates, connects, and provides verifiable benefits to mental well-being.



Building generational wealth and legacy within our creative community means that visual and performing art, as well as the written word, will be sustained and resilient within our culture, now and in the future.

To balance the lack of institutional funding, the community, both individuals and corporations, need to act to ensure that art and culture within the confines of underrepresented artists - continue to have a place within our society.



Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative (SBAC)

**2026 Membership
Campaign Plan**

Affinity Circle Initiative

I. Introduction

The **Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative (SBAC)** is launching the **2026 Membership Campaign: “Affinity Circles”**—a tiered membership program designed to deepen community engagement, promote awareness of Black art and artists, and generate sustainable annual funding for SBAC programs.

The Affinity Circles will cultivate meaningful relationships with supporters across various levels of giving, from young professionals to seasoned collectors and arts patrons, while creating opportunities for social connection, cultural enrichment, and philanthropic investment in SBAC’s mission.

II. Membership Levels Overview

Level	Category Name	Individual Fee	Target Memberships	Projected Revenue
Level 1	Affinity Supporting Member	\$100	100	\$10,000
Level 2	Affinity Sponsor Member	\$250	75	\$18,750
Level 3	Affinity Patron Member	\$500	50	\$25,000
Level 4	Affinity Champion Member	\$1,000	25	\$25,000
TOTAL PROJECTED MEMBERS			250 Members	\$78,750

2026 Annual Combined Targeted Membership Revenue Goal
\$78,750