

# 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:**

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Florida Studio Theatre

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Sarasota Opera

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Venice Theatre

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Van Wezel Performing Arts Theatre

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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



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



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



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



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

# 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.**





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## **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



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