

Art Innovation Zone Exhibitions 2025
The Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative
organization

presents

Beyond Regional Boundaries /
A Bold Initiative for Regional Black Artists

This groundbreaking initiative is created to amplify the creativity of artists of African descent and BIPOC populations across the Sarasota-Manatee region, featuring 12 exhibitions, 25 artists over 12 months in galleries, art, and cultural organizations and nonprofit spaces.

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**"Tradition and the Abstract:
Improvisations and the Norm"**
April 2nd to April 28th

Host Site
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall - Grand Foyer
777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota



*****ARTIST'S RECEPTION*****
April 2nd - 5 to 6:15 pm



SHOWCASED ARTISTS



Jeannette Bradley

Jeannette Bradley's work is a visual dialogue celebrating identity, resilience, and shared humanity. Through bold colors, layered textures of acrylic and newsprint, and emotive figures, she uses abstract art to challenge outdated narratives about the Black community while inviting viewers of all backgrounds into a space of connection and understanding.

Bradley is deeply drawn to urban life and the potential it holds for inclusive renewal. "All my paintings talk about some aspect of Black life," she explains. "Right now, I feel compelled to explore Black life from a historical perspective—not through people, but through the symbols of the time."



I Am Somebody
30 x 40
Acrylic
\$3,500



The Sax
23 x 33
Limited Edition Print
\$450



Here Comes the Sun
24x48
Acrylic and News Print
\$2,850



The Drummer (Limited Edition Print)
23 x 33
Framed Print with White Mat
\$455



Shannon Elyse

Shannon Elyse is a jazz musician, vocalist, book cover illustrator, muralist, painter, and educator. A sought-after artist for exhibitions and commissioned work, she works across various mediums, exploring the role of color in shaping artistic spaces.

Layers of color and familiar forms create a sense of universality, inviting deeper engagement with each piece. She encourages viewers to look beyond the surface by magnifying actual and microscopic images, sparking curiosity and imagination. A vibrant and expressive collection of art that uses powerful brushstrokes and brilliant colors to reflect a dynamic and energetic style aiming to evoke strong feelings and reactions.



Self Portrait - The Blues
48 x 36
Acrylic on Canvas
\$3,000



Self Portrait - Walking on Sunshine
24 x 36
Acrylic on Canvas
\$2,000



Self Portrait #5 - Peace
20 x 20
Acrylic on Canvas
\$1,500