

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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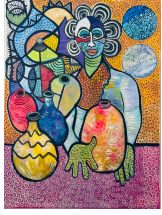
"Interpretations, Perceptions & Realities"
January 15th to February 25th

Host Site
Manatee Performing Arts Center
502 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton

*****ARTIST'S RECEPTION*****
February 13th - 3 to 5 pm



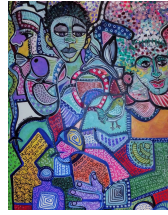
SHOWCASED ARTISTS



The Vendor
30x40
Mix Media
\$1,200



The Hidden Story
30x40
Mix Media
\$1,000



The Birds Tell the Truth
24x36
Mix Media
\$850

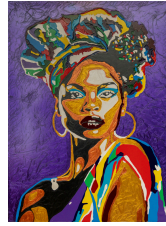
Gwendolyn Aquí-Brooks



My practice consists of mixed-media paintings, contemporary art quilts, collages, and soft sculpture dolls. I have been an educator both in the United States and The Gambia West Africa. Traveling has given me a broad view of the world and has had a unique influence on my creativity. Finally, when I work, I am interested in finding the solution keeping in mind that this is one of many solutions. I hate to think of right or wrong. This definition must come from the artist. It gives me such joy to create my work. My mixed-media paintings are both figurative and abstract. **There is always a narrative. For me, the narrative is like solving a mystery or finding the missing piece of a puzzle.**



Colors of Malcom X
30x40
Acrylics
\$2,500



Fortitude
36x48
Acrylics
\$3,000



Moment of Silence
36x48
Acrylics
\$3,000

Allen Pettigrew



Allen Pettigrew is a self-taught abstract painter based in Tampa, Florida. He has been painting daily since rediscovering his love of painting in 2020. Allen focuses mostly on abstract portraits, exploring the effects of light and shadows of colors in creating mood and narrative.

Allen believes that **each painting is a mirror and is created to be a statement artwork in every customer's home.** His work goes beyond abstract likeness to an exploration of human nature. The goal for each painting is to represent an inner truth that is recognizable to the viewer, inviting connection and conversation.



Crocodile Monday
15x20
Water Color
\$450

Myakka has Risen
15X22
Water Color
\$700



Myakka Arising
22X15
Water Color
\$625



Dwight Rose



Dwight Rose, the son of the legendary Herbie Rose who's considered the founder of the Bradenton Village of the Arts", was born in Jamaica and moved to Florida by his pre-teen years. His personal experiences as the son of a famous artist as well as living in the Middle East and Europe led him to select subjects for his art that are often resistant to change or embrace it wholeheartedly. He uses wet-in-wet watercolor washes on "Arches paper" and a continuous layering of pigment creating translucent glazes of paint often applied in part intuitively. **"To me, art is a synthesis of individual feelings, along with the materials and techniques.** My paintings are an exploration of these collective tools, which are the basis of my artistic expression."