Art Innovation Zone Exhibitions 2025 The Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative presents Beyond Regional Boundaries / A Bold Initiative for Regional Black Artists

Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative presents the 5th exhibition in the 2025 Art Innovation Zone series, an initiative amplifying the creativity of artists of African descent and BIPOC populations in Florida. Exhibitions are featured in partnership with art and cultural venues across Sarasota-Manatee.

Sarasota Orchestra leaders Joe McKenna (CEO) and Gordon Greenfield (Chief Marketing & Communications Officer) share:

"At Sarasota Orchestra, we believe art transforms and inspires. By activating the Harmony Gallery with works by local artists, we enrich every visit to the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center. We are honored to host an Art Innovation Zone in this inaugural year and thrilled to showcase Donna M. Richardson's portraits of iconic musicians, creatives, and cultural figures—celebrating artistry and the human spirit."

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Michele Redwine, Founder and Executive Director Paul Toliver, Curator and Artist Consultant

Scan QR code to RSVP for Artist Reception on Thursday, October 2nd from 5 to 6:30 PM in the Harmony Gallery



BEYOND REGIONAL BOUNDARIES Fifth Exhibition in the 2025 Series

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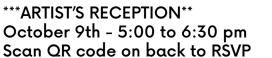
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"Harmonies of sound and vision: A celebration of the improvisational spirit and classical elegance" September 28th to October 19th

Host Site

Sarasota Orchestra Harmony Gallery 709 N Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34236





Artwork by Je





Donna M. Richardson

A resident of Tampa, Florida, Donna M. Richardson was born in New York to Jamaican parents and spent 30 years as a teaching artist in New York and Florida public schools, inspiring the next generation of creative minds. Through art, she aims to empower growth and spiritual expression in all she encounters.

Donna developed a unique style she calls "Indie Pop Art," celebrating the noble beauty and divine nature of people (of indigenous descent alongside contemporary American culture.

Her work has been featured in acclaimed exhibitions across Florida, including the Orlando Museum of Art, Church Street Gallery, Winter Gardens Lofts, A.E. "Beanie" Backus Gallery, and Nova Southeastern University. Her piece, The Bluest Eye, won Best of Show at the Morean Arts Center's "BOOKISH" exhibition in St. Petersburg, FL, earning her a solo show in Spring 2023.

She has also exhibited nationally, including at the Firehouse Gallery in Long Island, NY, and her art is held in private collections worldwide by chefs, musicians, and Orange County Commissioner Homer Hartage.

Donna holds master's degrees in School Administration and Instructiona Technology. A B.A. from SUNY Old Westbury and studied at Fashion Institute of Technology in NY.

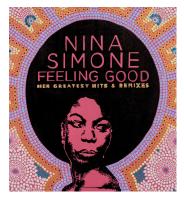
SHOWCASED ARTIST



Bob Marley (Frequency of Love) Mixed Media, 36x36 \$9,750



Diana Ross Mixed Media, 24x24 \$2,600



Nina Simone Mixed Media, 20x20 \$7,150

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Prince Mixed Media, 30 X 20 \$2,405



Jimi Hendrix Mixed Media, 48x36 \$13,650



Duke Ellington Mixed Media, 24x20 \$3,450



Billie Holiday Mixed Media 24x20 \$4,550

