



Betty J. Johnson
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SYLLABUS OF COLOR

2023 Student Exhibition

Exhibiting artwork by students of African descent

Exhibitions Host Sites

Sarasota Art Museum (SAM): April 3 - April 15 (Reception on April 8th @11 am)
1001 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library : April 15 - April 22
2801 Newtown Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34234

West Coast Black Theatre Troupe (WBTT): April 22 - April 29
1012 N Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236

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Amari Brown, Sarasota Military Academy

What inspired you to take art seriously?

When I saw my first piece of art it was a picture that someone painted of the sky, it was just really cool.

What inspires your art?

My mom, because she's always there for me when I do stuff.

What would be your dream project to create?

Clouds, I love clouds. They're so peaceful, sometimes I wish I could be a cloud and float off, they're so carefree.

Would you say your work presents itself as carefree?

Yeah.



Zarius Branch, Sophomore, Palmetto High School

What inspired you to get into art?

They were like "oh they're having an art thing here on Saturday", and I wanted to see what it was, so I went.

What inspires you to be creative?

Whatever I see stuff in, like I see someone trying something that's unique.

Do you think you'll pursue art as a career?

Maybe, yes.

What medium are you drawn to?

I like painting.



Amaris Downs, sixth grade, Booker Middle School

What inspires you to create art?

I think I'm a colorful person, when I was working on my self-portrait, I thought it should show color and how I am.

Do you think you will pursue art as a career?

Yeah.

What would be your dream project to work on?

Maybe a mural.



Ra'nijah Jordan, fifth grade, Emma E. Booker Elementary School

What inspired you to make this piece?

When I saw what shape, it was, I thought of it.

Do you think you will pursue art as a career?

Yes.

What medium do you think you'll pick?

Painting.

What excites you about art?

I like the different things I can do and the freedom it gives me.



Brandon Martin, sixth grade, McIntosh Middle School

What inspires you to create art?

My parents and the world

Why do your parents inspire you?

Because they motivate me every day to get up and enjoy life.

Do you think you will pursue art as a career?

I think so

What medium do you think you'll pick?

Multimedia



Samuel Martinez, Booker High School, 10th grade

What inspired you to make this piece?

What inspired me were the teachers in my class and the people around me. Also, the flowers, I like flowers, and the color.

Do you think you will pursue art as a career?

I probably would but there's other things I want to do after I graduate.



Kayla Wilcox, Booker Middle School, 8th grade

What inspired you to make this piece?

I originally drew a bear for a history project, and so since I liked it, I wanted to do it for an art project.

What's your favorite medium right now?

I'm into acrylic paint

Do you think you'll stick with acrylic or try new mediums?

I like to venture out, I want to try watercolor.



Gisella A. Coakley, 11th grade, Sarasota High School

What inspired you to make this piece?

I just really like animals and flowers; I like drawing them.

Do you think you will pursue art as a career?

Probably not, I'm thinking anesthesiology.

If you had your own solo gallery, what would you want your viewers to walk away with?

A sense of peace and tranquility, I like drawing things that give people peace.



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