



Dear Friend,

Every day, I feel inspired. This inspiration comes from what we, as a community of artists, scholars, board members, supporters, educators, and students gain from and give to the field of visual and performing arts. It is the foundation of our mission at Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative, advocate, educate and collaborate.

Which brings me to the very word, foundation. Mainly, the support with which something rests upon. A structure cannot exist without its foundation. An organization cannot exist without support as well.

I am delighted to enclose your opportunity to join an intimate group of caring, creative, and innovative people, our Founder's Circle. This group is meant to be more than a philanthropic circle, it is meant to be the engine of influence, towards a diverse, equitable and inclusive art driven community. It also is the sound of one voice, made from many. Black Lives Matter and Black Art Matters. Joining our Founders Circle is much more than the benefits we provide on the enclosed documents, it is your way of becoming an art activist.

Please take the time to remember when a painting or sculpture stopped you in your tracks. When you left a theater, singing the songs that you just heard. When a book or poem held you for days afterwards by its imagery. Something in you shifted for the better, for the greater good.

Let us inspire you today and every day with the most formidable form of communication, art. Please join our Founder's Circle and by joining, you will be creating the next level of the house we build together.

Warm regards,

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PS. You can go online to donate via this direct link www.suncoastblackartscollaborative.org



Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative invites you to join a group of renowned artists, scholars, collectors, curators, and benefactors who come together for special occasions, engaging conversation, and bold actions. Together, we will shift and shape the very way our culture views, receives and celebrates artists of African descent. This movement will be diverse, inclusive, innovative and raise the ceiling on Black visual and performing arts.

With your support, we have no limits!

BENEFACTOR - \$5000

- Underwriting and attending “Skyway,” an art seminar/workshop, conducted by college-level art students for high schoolers, which provides a stipend for the student and materials for the session.
- Acknowledgment on Suncoast Black Arts Collaborative’s website
- Acknowledgment at every Arts & Racial Justice Panel series
- Invitation to a VIP after-hours party with Arts & Racial Justice Panel panelists for courageous conversations (virtual at present)
- Recognition on selected press releases and collaborative marketing materials
- Invitation to participate in SBAC focus groups.
- Invitation to VIP exhibition viewings and after-party receptions
- Invitation to a Tito’s vodka tasting and receptions held for various SBAC programs.

PATRON - \$3000

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CONTRIBUTOR - \$1500

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Our mission and objectives guide us as we promote the unifying power of the arts to nurture inclusion and diversity across the regional arts and cultural landscape.

ADVOCATE

Goal: Advocate for greater exposure to Black artists throughout the Suncoast arts and cultural community.

Objectives: Encourage museums, galleries, collectors, art scholars and performing art spaces to support, acknowledge and showcase emerging and established artists of African descent.

Programs: Present an exhibition of renowned artist Gale Fulton-Ross' "Consequences of Chaos," a multimedia blockbuster museum event. Promote advocacy for diversity in college scholarships.

EDUCATE

Goal: Educate the community about Black artists and their achievements.

Objectives: Create a certificate program at college level. Present forums and symposia that explore issues of equity and inclusion. Expose students, art patrons and the general community to the work of artists of African descent and share the stories of the lives of Black artists.

Programs: The "Black Muse" student exhibition; Ambassadors for African American Art; the Arts and Racial Justice Panel series; diversity in art management internships.

COLLABORATE

Goal: Collaborate with regional organizations that are engaged in promoting issues of diversity and equity within their organization and that support artists of African descent.

Objectives: Create joint ventures with individuals, organizations, and corporations to identify, build and develop opportunities for artists of African descent.

Collaborators: Florida Studio Theatre, Art Center Sarasota, the Hermitage Artist Retreat, Manasota ASALH, Sarasota Museum of Art, Polk Museum, Sarasota County school system.