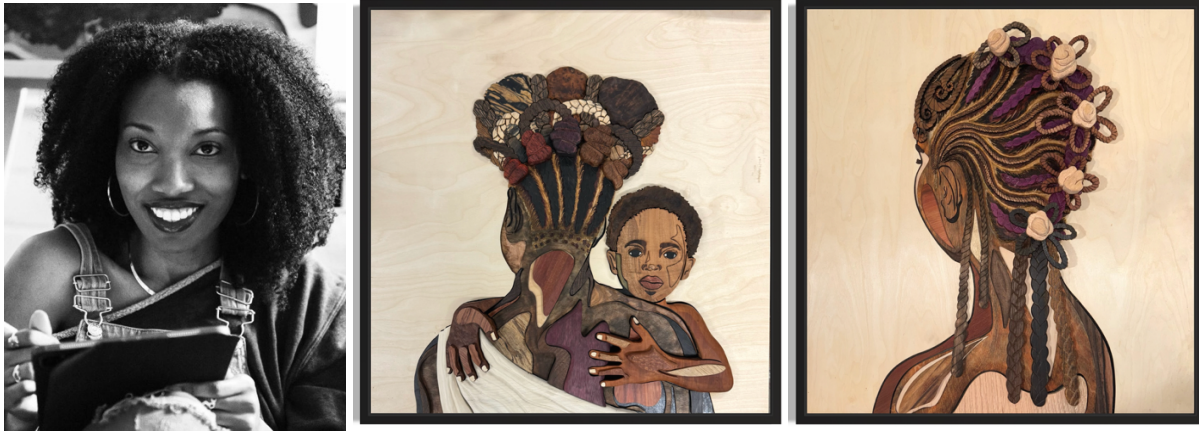


# TANYA WEDDEMIRE GALLERY Announces Representation of Artist CANDICE TAVARES



from left to right  
**CANDICE TAVARES**  
**THE KING and I, 2025 | 30" x 30" | Mixed Media on Panel**  
**PETAL, 2025 | 30" x 30" | Mixed Media on Panel**

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BROOKLYN, NY — Tanya Weddemire Gallery is pleased to announce the signing of multidisciplinary artist **Candice Tavares**. Based just outside Baltimore, Tavares is a self-taught wood artist whose practice is rooted in care, cultural preservation, and storytelling from emotional resonance.

She has a diverse background in healthcare as a palliative care pharmacist and has had academic training in both Chemical Engineering (University of Virginia) and Pharmacy (Howard University). With this blend of skill and expertise, Tavares brings a unique balance of precision to her work. Her practice draws from her lived experiences in non-black spaces, grounding her intentionality in her art-making process that centers representation and celebration of diversity.

Working primarily in wood, she chooses materials from various species that reflect the natural strength, variation, and richness of Black womanhood. Through layered textures, tonal contrast, and hand-finished details, her work uplifts feature often excluded or misrepresented in dominant visual culture. **“For people who see themselves in my work, I hope they walk away feeling valued, celebrated, fortified. For those who don’t, I hope they feel less other and more united,” – Candice Tavares**

Candice Tavares journey with the Tanya Weddemire Gallery began with power and promise at her first series of group exhibition, **“Ladies First”** followed by **“Admiration”** part of our Black History Month celebration in 2024, affirming the growing appreciation for her voice and vision.

Since then, we've continued to amplify her work across several opportunities, where collectors took notice and circled back with intention resulting in multiple placements. She was featured in at the Affordable Art Fair NYC September 2024 and resulted in acquisition and commissions that reflect both demand and impact. This relationship has been cemented through shared trust, clear results, and a collaborative spirit. **"We are proud to stand beside Candice as her practice grows and look forward to continuing to bring her work to the forefront" – Tanya Weddemire**

Candice shared her thoughts on her partnership with Tanya Weddemire Gallery she expressed exuberance saying **"My art is in many ways about being seen as a Black woman in spaces that weren't made for us, and as a new artist just figuring out how to create and exist in this space Tanya saw me. She (Tanya) immediately understood the message behind what I'm trying to do and could speak to it in a way that felt knowing and authentic. I appreciate her honesty and commitment to building a gallery and community that can embody the idea of lifting as you climb. And I'm inspired to bet on myself a little more every time she takes the chance to bet on me. " –Candice Tavares**

This new chapter in representation reflects the gallery's ongoing commitment to platforming artists whose work is resonant and personal. Candice Tavares addition to the gallery's roster brings a thoughtful and powerful voice to our summer season and beyond.

#### **about TANYA WEDDEMIRE GALLERY**

The Tanya Weddemire Gallery is a Brooklyn-based art gallery that thrives from being a vital source and representation of the arts. It's a premier art destination dedicated to showcasing the work of emerging and established artists. Its mission is to deepen the value and importance of art by enriching each person's perspective on life explorations through exhibits. The gallery applies thoughtful and intentional curation while integrating cultural and historical connections to all their shows that can include, but are not limited to, paintings, sculptures, drawings, photography, fashion, and furniture. Renowned for its impact on the art scene, the Tanya Weddemire Gallery has been featured in respected publications such as Forbesblk, Vanity Fair, ARTNEWS, Art in America, Brooklyn Rail, Industry City Publication, Amsterdam News, Black Art Magazine, PR News Wire, Brooklyn Reader, Hyperallergic, Bleucalf, Voice of America, and Park Magazine. Located at Industry City Building 2 : 254 36th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11232.

**Representation begins July 1, 2025.**

For more information about Tanya Weddemire Gallery, please visit:

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