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The Make if Different Foundation Presents "What is Color? What is Race?"

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Southington, CT - The Make it Different Foundation is proud to bring "What is Color? What is Race? -A *Presentation of Black*" taking place at the Southington Community Cultural Arts Center (SoCCA) on October 4th - 30th for the first time. The Make it Different Foundation will offer a series of community presentations, lectures, art, and historical exhibits that examine the nomenclature of Black America and explores those accompanying issues and themes of color, ethnicity, and national origin impacting our perceptions and conversations about race today.

The event held throughout the month of October consists of four (4) thematic weeks: *The History of Race and Race Origins - and the Cultural Legacy of Color, Black Innovation and Invention, The Revelation of the Soul, and Creating a Culture of Honor*. **This event is free and open to the public. Registration can be found at www.southingtonarts.org or by calling (860) 276-1581. Seating is limited and COVID protocols will be strictly followed.** (A 3-D Gallery tour and video documentary will also be made available for public viewing.)

"Our [American] identity is shaped by a shared sense of history and culture, however, the explosive nature of race and color is destroying those connections to a common human ancestry and origin. We owe it to ourselves and our children to challenge the validity of our current narratives." -Deborah Garner, President, Make it Different Foundation

We are also pleased to host visual artists and work from the *Perspectives: "We are all Different, We are all One"* - Art Exhibition, which has been featured across CT and is focusing on issues related to equity, diversity, and justice in our communities. The gallery was Initially installed and conducted at the WORK SPACE GALLERIES, in Manchester, CT. Event presentations will include guest lecturers from the *School of Music*, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT; the *Museum of African American History*, Boston and Nantucket, MA; *Department of Anthropology*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; *Constitutional Law*, Harvard University, MA, as well as many other cultural performers and artists. Special historical and legacy tributes will be given to the late world-renowned jazz pianist and composer, Erroll Garner and the late Lonnie Black, poet, and artist, of Hartford, CT.

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