



# PHILADELPHIA LEGACIES

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## Philadelphia History Comes Alive

*Cal Massey, Bootsie Barnes, and Mercer Redcross Among Philadelphia Icons and Unsung Heroes Legacies Shared at 5th Annual Philadelphia Legacies Portrait & Community Awards*

Philadelphia, PA, 30 October 2020 — At the intersection of art, purpose, and history this year Philadelphia Legacies Portrait & Community Awards honors and shares the legacies of eight Philadelphians on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:00pm at the Aksum Cafe located 4630 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Limited tickets are available for purchase from Philadelphia Legacies' website.

*"I paint because I have to; it's my way of communicating with the world around me." -Cal Massey*

In pandemic style, where masks must be worn, there will be outdoor limited seating in a beautiful heated tent as Philadelphia Legacies set the stage to share the work and life of Philadelphians who add to the fabric of Philadelphia's diverse and rich history. 2020 marks the fifth year Philadelphia Legacies have celebrated Philadelphia icons and unsung heroes.

*"He loved Philly most of all. He gave his soul to this town." -Sandra Turner-Barnes*

Prolific artist, sculptor, and comic book artist Cal Massey along with world renowned saxophonist Robert "Bootsie" Barnes will be bestowed with the Portrait Award. The 2020 Philadelphia Legacies Portrait Award features an original portrait painted by visual artists Terrell Johnson and Damon Bain that will be hung in various institutions throughout Philadelphia to continue the sharing of our awardees legacies. Mercer Redcross, Co-Founder of one of America's oldest African American art galleries, October Gallery, will receive Philadelphia Legacies' Lifetime Achievement Award.

*"The thing about art is that it is nonconsumable..." -Mercer Redcross*

The Philadelphia Legacies' Community Leader Award will be bestowed upon Scoop USA publisher Sherri Darden, community activist and humanitarian Rashida Jabbar, and social entrepreneurs Tahiya and Mujahid Nyahuma. Last, but not least, is the Young Person To Watch award acknowledging Bernard A. Williams.

*"Legacies are to be learned and shared..." -Jacqueline Taylor-Adams*



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Philadelphia Legacies was founded in 2015 by Stephen C. Satell as an outgrowth of his long standing Bridging Worlds program. Philadelphia Legacies highlights and shares the legacies of iconic and unsung Philadelphians who have made major contributions to the City of Philadelphia as well as positively impacted the communities, the heart of Philadelphia, they serve. Philadelphia Legacies commissions outstanding local visual artists to create dynamic portraits of the Portrait Awardees. These portraits are dedicated and hung for two years in various relevant institutions in the City of Philadelphia. PL also runs historic tours that highlight the lives, work, and legacies of our awardees, raise money for nonprofits in Philadelphia which combat poverty, and host quarterly networking meetings to establish a solution driven brain trust. In partnership with the City of Philadelphia declares one week of the year as **PHILADELPHIA LEGACIES WEEK** where Philadelphia history and legacies are highlighted. The week kicks-off with an unveiling and dedication of a Portrait Award to a Philadelphia institution for a two year term.

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A virtual press conference will be held 10:00 AM on Tuesday November 10, 2020 from Octob Gallery announcing the hanging of 2019 awardee science fiction writer and LGBTQ advocat Sam Delany's portrait in the William Way Community Center. To learn more about Philadelphia Legacies call or text (215) 432-2898, [bridgingworldsprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgingworldsprogram@yahoo.com), or visit [www.philadelphialegacy.org](http://www.philadelphialegacy.org).



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SHERRI DARDEN  
COMMUNITY AWARD



TAHIYA NYAHUMA  
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