

# THE CANON CONNECTION

## ROAD TO 100

We are on a quest to archive and preserve over 40,000 artifacts related to African American performing, film, and visual arts.

**Please support our giving campaign.**

All profits directly support our initiatives specific to housing, archiving and preserving our collection and creating powerful educational exhibits.

THE BLACK CANON

### OUR JOURNEY COULD BENEFIT FROM YOUR SUPPORT

Join us on our Road to 100K giving campaign! Every contribution brings us closer to preserving the invaluable pieces of Black history housed in The Black Canon collection. Your support helps us protect this cultural legacy for future generations to come.

**Let's make history together — donate today! ❤️**

### SHOP OUR STORE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We offer a range of merch from tees, hoodies and hats to mugs and notebooks, with all proceeds benefiting the housing and preservation of our collection. Our merch would make a great holiday gift! [Shop here.](#)



## ART OF THE AGES



Pictured: Justin Trapp, Alima Trapp, Ali Wheeler



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Our inaugural fundraising event Art of the Ages was held Sunday, October 13, 2024 at Taylor'd Garden in Livonia, Michigan. It was an educational and engaging experience, with curated selections across the decades of 1910 to 1990 from The Black Canon Collection.

With live music, a panel featuring Detroit-bred emerging artists, brunch, a mimosa bar, a silent auction, our exhibit including live film projection -- it was a full experience! We welcomed over 100 guests, and were amazed by the outpouring of support.

**WANNA KNOW WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE BLACK CANON? [READ HERE](#)**



A BENEFIT, EXHIBIT AND EXPERIENCE >>>

# ART OF THE AGES

TO PRESERVE BLACK ART AND HISTORY

OCTOBER 13TH NOON - 4PM TAYLOR'D GARDEN, LIVONIA, MI



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## ART OF THE AGES CONT.

Our inaugural exhibit and fundraiser Art of the Ages was one for the books! We are humbled by the support, energy and generosity. This event solidified a new beginning in our journey, while honoring our late-father in the most sincere way. This would not have been possible without the support of our family and our community - thank you, with our deepest gratitude.

## OUR VENDOR PARTNERS

- [Taylor'd Garden](#)
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- [RnB Charcuterie](#)
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We would like to give a special thank you to the following:

Our moderator and panelists:

Scheherazade Washington Parrish, David Ellis, Brittney Marshall, Miles Reuben, Clifton Perry

Our Partners:

Motor City Cinema Society  
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Heartfelt thank you to:

Justin Trapp, Sheri Crosby Wheeler, April Jackson, Carl Jackson, Tarron Carter, Lauren Jackson, Taylor Jackson



*Pictured above:  
Art of the Ages Gift Bag*



## WHAT'S NEXT?

We've got some exciting things in the works at The Black Canon!

From upcoming events and new partnerships to captivating exhibits, there's so much to look forward to. Stay tuned for more details — we can't wait to share what's next with you!

Be sure to follow our social channels for more information!

## RECENT PRESS AND MEDIA LINKS

[Bridge Detroit](#)

[Detroit Metro Times](#)

[WDET - Detroit Public Radio](#)

[Michigan Chronicle](#)

### The Black Canon preserves Detroit's lifelong collection of Black history

A curated selection of Black film, art, and literature from a 40,000-piece archive will be showcased at an upcoming event in Livonia

By Layla McMurtrie

Oct 1, 2024 at 12:46 pm

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Our very own co-founder and director Alima Trapp will be a featured panelist at the upcoming event, **Angles & Archives**, brought to you by **Black Artists Archive (BAA)**.

When: Thursday, 12/12/24

Time: 7-9pm (Eastern Time Zone)

Location: Someday Gallery and Bakehouse (Detroit)

### Jack and Jill of America Founders Day Event

Selections from The Black Canon Collection related to *The Cotton Club* will be featured at the event this coming January, 2025 in Troy, Michigan.

Stay tuned for a film series in partnership with **Motor City Cinema Society** coming in February 2025 in honor of Black History Month.

We will have big news to announce soon in terms of some **exciting partnerships** on the horizon!

# The Black Canon

## OUR MISSION

The Black Canon is an arts collective dedicated to preserving and promoting African American literary, performing, visual and media arts.

We are always looking to connect with like-minded individuals and institutions (inclusive of educators, students, Schools and Universities, museums, filmmakers, libraries, tastemakers, arts and culturists). We are open to exploring custom exhibitions, content creation, licensing, contributions and art lending.

## WAYS TO CONNECT

*We'd love to connect and stay in touch. Please follow us on social and feel free to reach out! If you want to support the mission, you can donate, shop our store or engage with us online.*

## Engage with us!

Connect with us on social.

## Shop our Store

All proceeds support our mission.

## Donate

Donations are tax-deductible and directly benefit the housing and preservation of The Black Canon Collection.



## ABOUT US

*"The Black Canon" was inspired by the root definition of canon: a body of the most important, influential, or superior works in music, literature or art.*

*We are a brother and sister duo dedicated to preserving not only Black Art in the form of our vast collection, but also our father's legacy.*



Ali J. Wheeler



Alima Wheeler Trapp

