

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.

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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! ❤️**

RECENT PRESS AND MEDIA LINKS

Check out our [radio interview](#) with Robyn Vincent and Tia Graham of WDET's *The Metro*, discussing The Black Canon Collection and the film February showing with Motor City Cinema Society. (January 30, 2025)



Pictured: Ali Wheeler, John Monaghan and Alima Trapp

Detroit - On Monday, February 3, 2025, MCCC and TBC partnered on an evening experience featuring curated 16mm film selections and spirited discussion around



Source: The Black Canon, Pictured: Actor James Earl Jones

the rare treasures as well as the history and next chapter of the James E. Wheeler collection. Some of the titles included *The Bronze Buckaroo* (1939), *Black and White: Uptight* (1969) and *The Legend of John Henry* (1974).

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



THE BLACK CANON X MRM

Special thank you to MRM and InTheBlk for hosting TBC co-founder and Director Alima Trapp (February 28) for *Preserving Beauty: A Fireside chat on Arts and Culture with The Black Canon* in honor of Black History Month. In addition to the discussion, TBC showcased a portion of their **Art of the Ages Exhibit**, with select pieces detailing the evolution of the portrayal of Black Americans in the media over the decades of 1910 - 1990).

(Pictured on the left is Alima Trapp with the InTheBlk Affinity Group members from MRM).





NEW MERCH!

Legacy Loading! We stay committed to the work of preserving and archiving our vast collection to share with the world. To further support our mission, we are introducing the **Makers and Builders Collection**. All proceeds directly benefit the housing and archiving of our artifacts.

Shop here to support the cause!

#HistoryMaker #LegacyBuilder #ArtDealer #CultureCreator #GoodTroubleMaker

The Vinyl Store on Discogs

Did you know The Black Canon has over 15,000 vinyl records?

As we consolidate our artifacts, we are selling an array of titles on Discogs to help fund the housing and preservation of the collection.

Shop Here!



BAA x Techn[o]cally Speaking

Did you know Detroit is the home of Techno music?

Mark your calendars! The Black Artists Archive invites you to *Techn[o]cally Speaking*, an electrifying Day Party Fundraiser that celebrates the legacy of Detroit Techno and the cultural impact of Submerge Records while raising essential funds for the BAA's mission.

May 17th, Noon - 5pm

Elevate at 1 Campus Martius, Detroit

COMING SOON

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!



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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

We offer a range of impact-driving merch from tees, hoodies and hats to mugs and notebooks, with all proceeds benefiting the housing and preservation of our collection.

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

