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BIO

“My work rests firmly on the journey of the hero and the collective stories of humanity and the world we live in.”

-Kadir Nelson

Kadir Nelson is an award-winning American author and artist whose work is exhibited in galleries, museums, and private collections worldwide. His paintings are in the permanent collections of several notable institutions including the United States House of Representatives, Muskegon Museum of Art, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, the International Olympic Committee, and The Estate of Michael Jackson.

Mr. Nelson has created artwork for a host of distinguished clients. This includes, but is not limited to, twelve (12) commissioned commemorative stamps for The United States Postal Service, the most recent featuring two paintings of Wilt Chamberlin printed on approximately 50 million Forever stamps; 30 children’s book titles with a global circulation of over 3 million copies in print, and in several different languages; and, in December of 2014, Kadir Nelson’s striking painting of the late Nelson Mandela was featured on the cover of the New Yorker magazine, followed by Nelson’s updated painting of the magazine’s dandy, Eustace Tilley, featured on the magazine’s 90th anniversary cover in February 2015.

In addition, Kadir Nelson’s paintings and illustrations appear across a wide spectrum around the world. Upon graduating with honors from Pratt Institute, he began his career as the lead conceptual artist for Steven Spielberg’s Oscar® nominated feature film, Amistad. More recently, Nelson was tapped by Sony to create the album cover artwork for Michael Jackson’s posthumously released album, “Michael,” the artwork which was later listed in the Guinness Book of Records® for the largest poster in the world. He has also been commissioned to produce art for other celebrity clients, including the album cover for multi-platinum recording artist Drake’s, “Nothing Was The Same”; illustrations for children’s books with the likes of Debbie Allen, Will Smith, Spike and Tonya Lee, and Delores Jordan, mother of NBA great Michael Jordan.

He has also authored and illustrated several award-winning New York Times Best-Selling picture books including, “WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball” which was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine, and “Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.” Kadir Nelson is the winner of several Society of Illustrator Gold Medals, Caldecott Honors, Coretta Scott King Author Awards, New York Times Best Illustrated Books, NAACP Image Awards, and many more. He currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

Selected Editorial Reviews*

Sports Illustrated Cover feature, The New Yorker feature, The New York Times Book Review, The New York Times feature, National Public Radio, The African American Atelier exhibition catalog, The International Review of African American Art, Vol. 9, Sports Illustrated “Leading Off” pages, San Diego Union-Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, USA

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AWARDS

2025 Hall of Fame Inductee. Society of Illustrators, NY
2025 Silver Medal. “Soft Serve, Society of Illustrators, NY
2024 Silver Cube. “D.U.M.B.O.”, Art Directors Club, NY
2023 Silver Medal. “Afterglow”, Society of Illustrators, NY
2020 Bronze Cube. “Rideout”, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. “Say Their Names”, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. “American Uprising”, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. “Flight of the Clotilda”, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. Freelancer of the Year, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. “Distant Summer”, Art Directors Club, NY
2020 Gold Cube. “Down the Line”, Art Directors Club, NY

2020 Gold Cube. "Sweet Liberty", Art Directors Club, NY
 2020 Gold Cube. "The Centennial", Art Directors Club, NY
 2020 Gold Medal. "After the Storm," Society of Illustrators, NY
 2020 Gold Medal. "Say Their Names," Society of Illustrators, NY
 2020 Silver Medal. "Blackish Tea," Society of Illustrators, NY
 2020 Bronze Cube. "Blackish Tea", Art Directors Club, NY
 2020 Bronze Cube. "Leonardo David", Art Directors Club, NY
 2020 Randolph Caldecott Medal. "The Undefeated", ALA
 2020 Coretta Scott King Award. "The Undefeated", ALA
 2017 Gold Medal. Society of Illustrators , NY
 2017 Silver Medal, "Mighty Casey", Society of Illustrators , NY
 2016 Honorable Mention. "A Day at the Beach", The Artist's Magazine
 2016 Award of Excellence. "A Hole in the Roof", Communication Arts , NY
 2016 Award of Excellence. "Eustace Negro", Communication Arts , NY
 2016 Award of Excellence. "Stickballers", Communication Arts , NY
 2016 Silver Medal. "Green Tea", Society of Illustrators, NY
 2016 Silver Medal. "Eustace Negro", Society of Illustrators , NY
 2015 Gold Medal. "Stickballers", Society of Illustrators , NY
 2014 NAACP Image Award. "Nelson Mandela", Los Angeles, CA
 2014 Hamilton King Award + Gold Medal. "Robben Island", Society of Illustrators , NY
 2014 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor. "Nelson Mandela", ALA Chicago, IL
 2013 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor. "I Have A Dream", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2013 New York Times Best Illustrated Book. "Nelson Mandela", NY Times, NY
 2012 Coretta Scott King Author Award. "Heart and Soul", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2012 Audie Award. "Heart and Soul" audiobook, AudioFile Magazine Portland, ME
 2012 Once Upon a Star Book Award. "A Nation's Hope", Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA
 2012 Silver Medal, Original Children's Book Art. Society of Illustrators , NY
 2011 Silver Medal, Original Children's Book Art. Society of Illustrators , NY
 2009 Sport Artist of the Year. United States Sports Academy Mobile, AL
 2009 Coretta Scott King Author Award. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball". ALA, Chicago, IL
 2009 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2009 Robert F. Sibert Medal. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2008 Gold Medal. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball", Society of Illustrators , NY
 2008 Casey Award. Spitball Magazine Cincinnati, OH
 2008 NY Times Best Illustrated Book. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball", NY Times, NY
 2008 Caldecott Honor. "Henry's Freedom Box", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2008 Silver Medal. Original Children's Book Art, Society of Illustrators , NY
 2007 Caldecott Honor. "Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2007 Coretta Scott King Award. "Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom". ALA, Chicago, IL
 2007 NAACP Image Award . "Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom", NAACP Los Angeles, CA
 2005 Coretta Scott King Award. "Ellington Was Not A Street", ALA, Chicago, IL
 2005 Once Upon a Star Book Award. "Ellington Was Not A Street", Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles, CA
 2005 Gold Medal. "Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life" Original Children's Book Art, Society of Illustrators , NY
 2004 Coretta Scott King Honor. "Thunder Rose", children's book, ALA, Chicago, IL
 2004 NAACP Image Award. "Just The Two Of Us", NAACP Los Angeles, CA
 2002 Silver Medal. Original Art. Society of illustrators, NY
 1998 Gold Medal. "Lynch Mob", Society of illustrators, NY
 1998 Silver Medal. "Steeerike!", Society of illustrators, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 "Words and Pictures: Illustrated Works By Kadir Nelson". The Arts Council. Fayetteville, NC

2014 "A Light In Harlem". RJD Gallery. Sag Harbor, NY
 2014 "Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans". Richard Stockton College, Galloway, NJ
 2014 "Words and Pictures". Hearne Fine Art. Little Rock, AK

2013 "Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans". The Society of Illustrators Museum. , NY
 2013 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Piedmont Arts Association. Martinsville, VA
 2012 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." South Bend Museum of Art. South Bend, IN
 2012 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center. Pittsburgh, PA
 2012 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." The Carle Museum. Amherst, MA
 2012 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Miami Dade College Freedom Tower. Miami, FL
 2011 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Fort Wayne, IN
 2011 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Museum of Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX
 2011 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." The Arts Council. Fayetteville, NC
 2011 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI
 2010 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." South Shore Arts. Munster, IN
 2010 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville, KY
 2009 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Michelson Museum of Art. Marshall, TX
 2009 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." City of Lake Charles. Lake Charles, LA
 2009 "Sports Artist of the Year". United States Sports Academy. Mobile, AL
 2008 "WE ARE THE SHIP: Original Paintings by Kadir Nelson." Negro Leagues Museum. Kansas City, MO
 "2007 The African-American Experience: Children's Book Illustrations by Kadir Nelson". Akron Art Museum. Akron, OH
 2006 "Healing The Spirit". African American Atelier. Greensboro, NC
 2005 "Ellington Was Not A Street". Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Fort Wayne, IN. Fort Wayne, IN
 1999 "The Amistad Experience". The Hayti Heritage Center. Durham, NC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017 "The HeLa Project". HBO Experiential Marketing Pop-Up Exhibitions. Reginal F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore, MD; Soho Gallery Space, NY, NY; Center for Civil and Human Rights; Atlanta, GA; National Museum of African American History, Washington DC.
 2015 "Revolutions II: The Art of Music". Forest Lawn Art Museum. Glendale, CA
 2015 "Looking Both Ways". Peninsula Fine Arts Center. Newport News, VA
 2011 "Triple Play". Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI
 2009 "Picture Perfect: Art from Caldecott Award Books, 2006-2009". Chicago Art Institute. Chicago, IL
 2006 "Art. Process: From Person, To Pencil, To Published". Amherst, MA. Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book
 2006 "Honoring Heroes In History". Chicago Art Institute. Chicago, IL
 2006 ArtPeace Gallery. Burbank, CA
 2005 "All the Stories Are True". Smithsonian Anacostia Museum. Washington DC
 2003 "Shades Of Greatness". The Negro League Baseball Museum. Kansas City, MO
 2002 "Black Romantic". The Studio Museum in Harlem. Harlem, NY
 2001 "Every Picture Tells A Story: Children's Book Exhibit". Simon Wiesenthal Center,

Museum of Tolerance. Los Angeles, CA
2000 "The Art Of Sport". San Diego Hall of Champions Sports Museum. San Diego, CA
1992 "San Diego/Yokohama/ Tijuana Art Exchange". San Diego, CA/Yokohama, JAPAN/
Tijuana, MEXICO

COMMISSIONS

The New Yorker, The Messenger, Cover
The New Yorker, Soft Serve, Cover
The New Yorker, Kamala, Cover
The New Yorker, D.U.M.B.O., Cover
The New Yorker, Rideout, Cover
The New Yorker, Hangtime, Cover
The New Yorker, Pandemique Couture, Cover
National Geographic, Tulsa, Cover
National Geographic, Ancient Wonders, Cover
National Geographic, Homecoming, Cover
Netflix Q, Thespis of St. Matthews
Black Boy Joy
Scholastic, Bad Boy, Cover
The New Yorker, Bright Star, Cover
The New Yorker, The Centennial, Cover
The New Yorker, Distant Summer, Cover
The New Yorker, Say Their Names, Cover
Rolling Stone, American Uprising, Cover
ABC, Blackish Key Art
Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Portrait of José Andrés
A&E Network Key art for documentary feature, "L.A. Riots: 25 Years Later
HBO Portrait of Henrietta Lacks
Marvel Miles Morales: Spider-Man, Book Cover
The New Yorker, Bright Star, Cover
The New Yorker, Spring Blossoms, Cover
The New Yorker, Stickball Alley, Cover
The New Yorker, Summertime City, Cover
The New Yorker, Queen of Soul, Cover
The New Yorker, Spring Blossoms, Cover
The New Yorker, Art Connoisseurs, Cover
The New Yorker, DR ML KING JR: A Dream Deferred, Cover
The New Yorker A Day at the Beach, Cover
The New Yorker, Heatwave, Cover
The New Yorker, School Days, Cover
The New Yorker, Scootré, Cover
Hennessey, The Major, sculpture
Airbnb, Leonardo David, Interior
Ebony Magazine Black Gothic, Cover
Penguin Random House Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Book Cover Series.
9 Covers
U.S. House of Representatives Shirley Chisholm Official Portrait
Sony MICHAEL/The King of Pop, Michael Jackson Album Cover
October's Very Own Nothing Was The Same, Rapper Drake Album Cover
U.S. Postal Service 12 Commemorative Stamps:Marvin Gaye, Wilt Chamberlain x2 Richard Wright Anna Julia Cooper Ted Williams
Joe Dimaggio Willie Stargell Larry Doby Althea Gibson

Ralph Ellison Negro Leagues/Rube Foster
The Coca-Cola Company Paintings commissioned for campaign
Black History Month Illustrations ("Family"; "Music & Entertainment"; "Innovation"; "Education")
Essence Music Festival Illustrations ("Summertime Groove"; "Summertime Groove II")
Be Legendary Illustrations ("Be Driven"; "Be Heard"; "Be Legendary"; "Be Giving"; "Toast")
Cookbook illustrations ("Collard"; "Be Heard II"; "Be Legendary II"; "Catfish"; "Boys"; "Banana Pudding"; "Toast II"; "Be Giving II")
Skyy Vodka "Moscato"– Television Commercial Advertisement
Miami Marlins Commemorative Portrait of Henderson Alvarez
Sports Illustrated Nike New Yorker Magazine New York Times George Lucas Film Marvin's Room Recording Studio Will and Jada Smith
The Estate of Michael Jackson
Time Magazine San Diego Padres
Verve Music
Sports Illustrated. "Young Babe Ruth"; "KC Chiefs vs. Green Bay Packers"; "Team of the Century"
Nikel Basketball tee shirt designs: "Right Wing"; "Reverse Dunk"; "Air"; "Flight"; "The Untold Truth"; "Big Men", "Tuskegee Airmen"
"Second Line", Katrina Anniversary Cover
"Eustace Negro", 90th Anniversary Cover
"Madiba", Nelson Mandela Commemorative Cover
3 Sports Article Illustrations
Commissioned painting, "Chewbacca", for Star Wars book, Star Wars Visions
Commissioned painting, "Marvin Gaye" and "The Life of Marvin Gaye", commemorating the life of recording artist
Commissioned painting, "Swoosh", commemorating tennis veteran Venus Williams' U.S. Open win
Commissioned painting, "Queen Mama Morton" commemorating actress Queen Latifah's Oscar® nomination
Commissioned painting, "The King of Pop", for MICHAEL
Album Cover commemorating the life of recording artist
Commission painting, "Gladiator", of NBA athlete Shaquille O'Neal
Commissioned paintings, "Dave Winfield"; "Tony Gwynn"; "Jerry Coleman"; "Jimmy Carter"; "Buck O'Neil"; "Allan Bud Selig"; "Turkey Stearnes"
Commissioned painting for jazz artist, Roy Hargrove's "Distractions" Album Cover
Polygram/Universal Distribution Electronic Arts Commissioned paintings entitled, "Black History Unfolds";
"Funk Jazz"; "Cosmic Funk"; "Music Conductor"; "United in Song"; "Neo Soul"
"NFL Street I & II" Video Game Covers
DreamWorks Records Commissioned Album Cover, "Swizz Beatz: Ghetto Stories"
DreamWorks Animation Visual Development Art, "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron"
DreamWorks Pictures Visual Development Art, "Amistad"
State Farm Commissioned Billboard Painting, "Bayou Classic"
And 1 Commissioned Paintings for Print Ads, "Street Ballers"; "Ricky Davis"
Sears Promotional calendar paintings entitled:
"Winter"; "Fall"; "Spring"; "Summer"
Major League Baseball All-Star Game Covers: "Randy Johnson"; "Barry Bonds"; "Richie Sexson"; "Robin Yount"; "Alex Rodriguez"
Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. "Willie Foster and Young Fans",
for Traveling Exhibition, Shades of Greatness
Robert and Delores McNeely Commissioned Paintings for Private Collection,
"La Madona"; "Emancipation"
Vibe Magazine Commissioned Spot Illustration, "Quest Love"
Playboy Magazine Commissioned Illustrations, "Women's Boxing";
"Desmond Howard's Return"

Men's Journal Magazine Scholastic Nergyzed Entertainment Commissioned Illustrations, "City Heights"; "Next Five"
 Commissioned Illustrations for "Read Everyday" (Poster);
 "Safe at Home" (Book Cover); "Time Pieces" (Book Cover);
 "Cousins" (Book Cover); "Arilla Sundown" (Book Cover);
 "Slam Dunk" (Book Cover)
 Commissioned Illustrations for "BCFX I"; "BCFX II" Video
 Game Covers
 Children's Book Council Commissioned Illustration for "Book Time" Poster
 Last Updated: 08/23/15 | KADIR NELSON, INC. | www.kadirnelson.com P 9Debbie Allen Dance Academy Commissioned Illustrations for Playbill
 Covers: "Hot
 Chocolate Nutcracker"; "Dreams"; "Pearl"; "Twist"; "Hip
 Hop Dance Intensive"
 Walmart Commissioned Painting, "Drum Major"
 Scenario Magazine Commissioned Illustrations for "Rosewood" Article:
 "Fanny"; "Lynch Mob"; "Burning Town"; "Mann"
 SEE Graphics Commissioned Painting for Virtual Website, "Planet
 Michael"
 Ecay Uno Angels On Earth Magazine Clubhouse Jr. Magazine Urgent, Inc. Emily Gunter Commissioned Illustrations for "BombLeery"
 Logo; "As A
 Man" and "Leery Gang" Album Covers
 Commissioned Editorial Spot Illustrations: "Cab Driver";
 "Through The Fire"; "Angel Fire"; "Brave Father"
 Commissioned Editorial Spot Illustration, "Frances
 Harper"
 Commissioned Artwork for Logo
 Commissioned Artwork for "Superlearning 2000" Book
 Cover and Interior Illustrations
 Emily Gunter Commissioned Artwork for "Superlearning 3000" Book
 Cover and Interior Illustrations
 Emily Gunter Mark Roberts Lactaid Commissioned Artwork for "A Right of Passage to
 Spiritual Enlightenment" Book Cover
 Commissioned Painting, "Trujillo All Stars"
 Commissioned Illustration for Ad Campaign, "Milk
 Moments"
 Walter Latham. Commissioned Painting, "Sherry's Paradise"

LECTURES

Nelson, Kadir. 2015. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". St. Louis Public Library. St. Louis, MO. February 12, 2015.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2015. Target Headquarters. Black History Month Lecture. Minneapolis, MN. February 5, 2015.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2015. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". The Arts Council. Fayetteville, NC. January 22, 2015.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2014. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". Bill Clinton Presidential Library. Little Rock, AK. April 24, 2014.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2014. LA Times Book Festival. Los Angeles, CA. April 13, 2014.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2014. "Heart and Soul" lecture. Richard Stockton College. Galloway, NJ. February 24, 2014.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2014. American Library Association Winter Conference. Chicago, IL. January 24, 2014.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2013. Oregon Library Association Fall Conference. Portland, OR. October 12, 2013.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2013. National Book Festival. Washington, D.C. September 2013.
 Nelson, Kadir. 2013. Freedom Center. Cincinnati, OH. February 23, 2013.

Nelson, Kadir. 2013. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". American School. Singapore. February 3, 2013.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. Boulder Library. Boulder, CO. July 24, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. Book Expo America Annual Breakfast. , NY. June 6, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. "Heart and Soul". Society of Illustrators. , NY. October 4, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. Tuscon Book Festival. Tuscon, AZ. March 10, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. California Lutheran University. Thousand Oaks, CA. February 28, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. Colorado State University. Pueblo, CO. Outreach and Instruction for Librarians. February 9, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. LA Times Book Festival. Los Angeles, CA. April 26, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2012. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball." Eric Carle Museum. Amherst, MA. April 1, 2012.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball." Muskegon Museum of Art. Muskegon, MI. January 13, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball." Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Fort Wayne, IN. September 29, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Pratt Institute. Brooklyn, NY. September 21, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. National Book Festival. Washington, D.C. September 24-25, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Savannah Children's Book Festival. Savannah, GA. November 18, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Maret School. Washington, DC. September 26, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Penn. State. Harrisburg, PA. September 7, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Tuscaloosa Main Library. Tuscaloosa, AL. April 14, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2011. "Making Your Way". Art Center College of Art. Los Angeles, CA. February 15, 2011.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. ICON Los Angeles. Illustrator conference Keynote. July 17, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". Brigham Young University. Provo, UT. July 15, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. Visalia Library. Visalia, CA. June 12, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. "A Conversation with Kadir Nelson and Sharon Robinson". Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Kansas City, MO.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. Texas Library Association. San Antonio, TX. April 16, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. Portland Library Association Conference. Portland, OR. March 25, 2015.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. Georgia Conference on Children's Literature. Athens, GA. March 18, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. Society of Children's Book and Writers Regional Conference. Miami, FL. January 16, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2010. American Library in Paris. Paris, FRANCE. February 2, 2010.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Brooklyn Public Library. Brooklyn, NY.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Upland Public Library. Upland, CA. October 23, 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. National Book Festival. Washington, D.C. September 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. La Jolla Country Day School. La Jolla, CA. October 15, 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Chicago Art Institute. Chicago, IL. June 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Champaign Public Library. Champaign, IL.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Bennett College. Greensboro, NC.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. LA Times Book Festival. Los Angeles, CA. April 26, 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. Illinois Reading Council. Springfield, IL. March 19, 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2009. International Reading Association. Phoenix, AZ. February 23, 2009.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. Willard Library. Kalamazoo, MI. November 13, 2008.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. "Illustrating for Children". Salisbury State University. Salisbury, MD. October 11, 2008.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. International Reading Association. Seattle, WA. October 9, 2008.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. Rocky Mountain Children's Literature Conference. Casa Grande, AZ. October 4, 2008.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. National Book Festival. Washington, D.C. September 2008.

Nelson, Kadir. 2008. "WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball." Historical Society of

Washington, DC. Washington, DC. June 7, 2008.
Nelson, Kadir. 2008. LA Times Book Festival. Los Angeles, CA. April 27, 2008.
Nelson, Kadir. 2008. Youngstown State University. Youngstown, PA. April 7, 2008.
Nelson, Kadir. 2007. Solano County Library. Sacramento, CA. November 4, 2007.
Nelson, Kadir. 2007. "Words and Pictures: The Art of Illustrating Children's Books". Society of Children's Book and Writers Annual Conference. Century City, CA. August 5, 2007.
Nelson, Kadir. 2007. Princeton Day School. Princeton, NJ. April 16, 2007.
Nelson, Kadir. 2007. Kent State University. Kent, OH. April 12, 2007.
Nelson, Kadir. 2006. National Conference for Teachers and Educators. Nashville, TN. November 19, 2006.
Nelson, Kadir. 2006. Novello. Charlotte, NC. October 27, 2006.
Nelson, Kadir. 2006. Chicago Public Library. Chicago, IL. April 19, 2006.
Nelson, Kadir. 2006. "Art. Process: From Person, To Pencil, To Published". Eric Carle Museum. Amherst, MA. Feb 18, 2006.

BOOKS WRITTEN AND/OR ILLUSTRATED

Naberhaus, Sarrvinder. Blue Sky, White Stars. 2017. Dial Books for Young Readers. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nelson, Kadir. 2015. If You Plant A Seed. Balzer+Bray. , NY. Written and Illustrated.
Nelson, Kadir. 2014. Baby Bear. Balzer+Bray. , NY. Written and Illustrated.
Nelson, Kadir. 2013. Nelson Mandela. Katherine Tegen Books. , NY. Written and Illustrated.
Gunter, Emily Diane. 2013. Superlearning 3000: Learning Made Simple. Urgent Press Publication. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
King, Jr., Dr. Martin Luther. 2012. I Have A Dream. Random House. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nelson, Kadir. 2011. Heart and Soul:The Story of America and African Americans. Balzer+Bray. , NY
NY. Written and Illustrated.
Shange, Ntozake. 2011. Coretta Scott. Katherine Tegen Books. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
De La Peña , Matt. 2011. A Nation's Hope. Penguin Books. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Napoli, Dona Jo. 2010. Mama Miti. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Staines, Bill. 2009. All God's Critters. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Obama, Barack. 2009. Change Has Come. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Grifalconi, Ann. 2009. The Village that Vanished. Penguin Books. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Robinson, Sharon. 2009. Testing the Ice. Scholastic. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nelson, Kadir. 2008. WE ARE THE SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball. Disney. , NY. Written and Illustrated.
Rappaport, Doreen. 2008. Abe's Honest Words. Disney. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Jordan, Delores. 2007. Michael's Golden Rules. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Levine, Ellen. 2007. Henry's Freedom Box. Scholastic. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nolen, Jerdine. 2007. Thunder Rose. Houghton Mifflin. Boston, MA. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Boston Weatherford, Carole. 2006. Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People To Freedom. Disney. New York, NY. Illustrated
by Kadir Nelson.
Lee, Spike and Tonya. 2006. Please, Baby, Please. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Richardson, Charisse K. 2006. The Real Slam Dunk. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nolen, Jerdine. 2005. Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Nelson, Kadir. 2005. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Penguin Books. , NY. Written and Illustrated.
Lee, Spike and Tonya. 2005. Please, Puppy, Please. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Packer, Tina. 2004. Tales from Shakespeare. Scholastic. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Shange, Ntozake. 2004. Ellington Was Not A Street. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Jordan, Delores and Roslyn. 2003. Salt in His Shoes. Simon and Schuster. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir
Nelson.
Nolen, Jerdine. 2003. Big Jabe. HarperCollins. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Allen, Debbie. 2003. Dancing in the Wings. Penguin Books. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Grimes, Nikki. 2002. Under the Christmas Tree. HarperCollins. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Allen, Debbie. 2001. Brothers of the Knight. Penguin Books. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Smith, Will. 2001. Just the Two of Us. Scholastic. , NY. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

Gunter, Emily Diane. 2000. A Rite of Passage to Spiritual Enlightenment: Living with Compassion. Professional Publishing. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
Spielberg, Steven. 1997. Amistad: A Celebration of the Film by Steven Spielberg. New Market Press. Illustrations by Kadir Nelson.
Gunter, Emily Diane. 1993. Superlearning 2000: The New Technologies of Self Empowerment. Milligan Books. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

LIMITED EDITION PRINTS sold out*

- Stickballers, 2015 giclee on canvas
- Green Tea, 2015 giclee on canvas
- Eaglevale Riders, 2015 giclee on canvas
- Nothing Was The Same, 2013 giclee on paper
- The King of Pop, 2011 giclee on canvas
- Frederick Douglass, 2011 giclee on canvas
- Mighty Josh, 2008 giclee on paper, canvas
- Rube and the Giants, 2008 giclee on canvas
- Kansas City Dugout, 2008 giclee on paper, canvas
- Trouble Man, 2007 giclee on canvas
- Freedom, 2007 giclee on paper
- Humility, 2007 offset lithograph on paper
- Angel, 2006* giclee on canvas
- Junkyard Moses, 2006 giclee on canvas
- Mood Indigo, 2006 giclee on paper
- Dancing on the MilkyWay, 2006 giclee on paper
- Cotton, 2006 giclee on paper
- Green Beans, 2006* offset lithograph on paper
- Puppy Love, 2006 giclee on paper
- La Madona, 2005 giclee on paper
- Banjar, 2005 giclee on canvas
- Kiowa Dawn, 2004 giclee on paper
- Marvin Gaye, 2003* • Abikanilie's Prayer, 2003 • Christmas Eve, 2003 • Buckets and Chickens, 2003* • The Life of Marvin Gaye, 2003 • Baby, Baby, Bubbles, 2003 • The Africa Series, 2003* • Morning Patrol, 2003* • Outlaws, 2002* • Coool Papa Bell, 2001 • Steerack!!, 2001 • Stairway to Heaven, 2001 • Next Five, 2001 • High Noon, 2001* • The Family Tree, 2001 • Mother and Child, 2001 • David and Goliath, 2000 • Handball, 1996 • The Beckoning, 1997 • One on One, 1995* • Prayer, 1995* • Stolen King, 1995* • Le Basketballet, 1994* • Peace of the Rock, 1994* • Blue Horn, 1994* • Basketbrawl Theatre, 1993* giclee on canvas

OPEN EDITION PRINTS

- Stickballers, 2015 • Green Tea, 2015 • Eaglevale Riders, 2015 • Willie Foster and Young Fans, 2011 • Cosmic Fling, 1995 • Low and Away, 2011 • The Rucker, 2011 offset lithograph on paper

COLLECTORS *

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
750 Ninth Street NW, Suite 410 Washington, DC 20001

Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery 750 Ninth Street NW, Suite 410 Washington, DC 20001
United States House of Representatives United States Capitol Building East Capitol St NE & First St SE
Washington, DC 20004

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The San Diego Padres Petco Park 100 Park Blvd San Diego CA 92101 "Kansas City Dugout", 2007. Oil on canvas
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"Willie Foster and Young Fans", 2003.
"Tony Gwynn", 2005.
"Jerry Coleman", 2005.
"David Winfield", 2005.
"Jimmy Carter", 2005.
"Bud Selig", 2005.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame 5 Main Street
Cooperstown NY 13326

Muskegon Museum of Art 296 W Webster Ave Muskegon, MI 49440 City of Miami Dorsey Park Murals 1701 NW 1 Avenue Miami,
FL 33136

"Turkey Stearnes", 2007. Oil on canvas
"Rube and the Giants", 2007. Oil on canvas
"Game Bus", 2006. Oil on canvas
"Pittsburgh Crawfords", 2007. Oil on canvas
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PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Institutions

The Estate of Michael Jackson
United States Sports Academy
San Diego Padres
Coca-Cola Corporation
Dreamworks SKG
Sears, Roebuck & Co.
North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Foundation
Westmont College
Robert Breitbard Foundation
Westmont College

Individuals

Berry Gordy
Kate and Steven Spielberg
Will and Jada Smith
Denzel and Pauletta Washington

Venus Williams
Shaquille O'Neal
Spike and Tonya Lee
Darryl Strawberry
Jamal Williams
Katt Williams
Chris Webber
Bernard and Shirley Kinsey
Rachel Robinson
Sharon Stone
Nicole Murphy
John Moores
Rebecca Moores
Debbie and Norman Nixon
Raphael Saddiq
Ray Allen
Lil Kim
Ice Cube
Jalen Rose
Bertice Berry
Ananda Lewis
Tina and Harold Lewis
Queen Latifah
John McClain
Nona Gaye
Jan Gaye
Tyrese Gibson
Antwone Fisher
Byrna Braham
Keith Davis
Terry Lewis
Mr. And Mrs. Darrell Williams
Debra and Darrell Gunter
Verlee Gunter-Moore
Shermaine and Rodney Gary
Geri Bauer
Howard Smiley
Walter Latham
Marsha Walters
Dr. Eugene and Roberta Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Thompson
Don Cheadle
Frank Darabont
Ed Gordon
Djimon Hounsou
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