

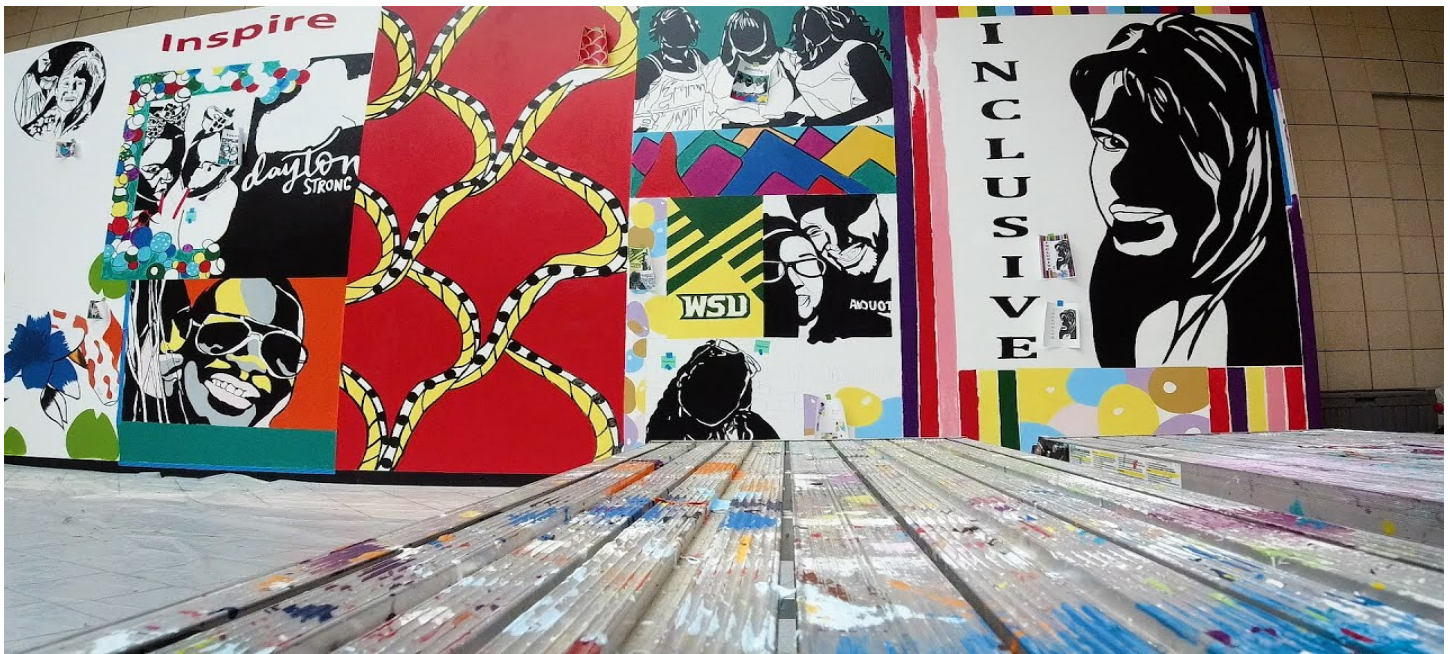
# NEWSLETTER

ARTS FORUM



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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MARCH 28**

Our next membership meeting will be at CSUD, 2 pm to 4 pm. Bring in some of your artwork, finished or works in progress. Come out and support Member Shirley Tucker, at this meeting she will give an "Artist's Art Talk". Shirley is a Dayton based artist who specializes in graphic design, acrylic oil painting and murals. She has an Associate of Arts degree from Rio Grande College, studied graphic design at Bowling Green State University, and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Wright State University in 1989.

One of Shirley Tucker's Murals



Now In the AAVAG Gallery  
“Can You See Me” -  
Shirley Tucker

March 4 - May 2, 2026

Reception: March 15, 2026  
2 to 4 pm

**Artist Talk - March 28**

Bring A Guest(s)  
2 pm to 4 pm, AAVAG Gallery  
840 Germantown Street 45402  
Second Floor, Central State  
University Dayton Branch



Active artist and a retired probation officer from the Montgomery County Juvenile Court and former facilitator for the courts art programs HAALO & SAG. Shirley has used her artistic skills to work with at-risk-youth, some who may lack access to strong art programming. Her 31 years working in the justice system and mentoring youth in our community reflects her life long commitment to supporting artistic expression with diverse and underprivileged communities.

GEM CITY GEMS Art Exhibition

EBONNIA GALLERY

February 10 – April 10, 2026

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm,  
Saturday by Appointment

RECEPTION: Sunday, March 8, 2026, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
EbonNia Gallery, 1135 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Gem City Gems is a specially designed exhibit series highlighting familiar and unfamiliar African American visual artists with ties to the Dayton Miami Valley Region. This first series features the art of the late Robert Neal, 1926-1987; Tyrone Geter, a 1968 graduate of Roosevelt High School now residing in Brooklyn, NY; Mariella Owens, a master ceramic artist and teacher residing in Mapleton, Georgia and Abner Cope, originally from Savannah, Georgia and lived in Dayton, Ohio from 1980 to 2010, currently residing in Commerce, Georgia. These four gifted and highly creative artists who migrated to the Dayton area from the south, contributed greatly to the African American art and culture scene during the time they lived in Dayton, Ohio, leaving fond memories and lasting contributions, which several of them are continuing to do in their current home.



### Black Life as Subject Matter III

Opening Reception: Sunday, February 1, 2026 2-4 pm

Exhibition Date: February 1 - May 17, 2026

Building upon the award-winning exhibition presented five years ago. Black Lives as Subject Matter III brings together exceptional works by twenty regional Black artists. Curated by Willis “Bing” Davis and organized by the Springfield Museum of Art, the exhibition centers Black life as both subject and framework, examining contemporary lived experience through diverse artistic practices and perspectives. Museum hours: W-Sat:9am-5pm, Sun:12:30-4:30.



SPRINGFIELD  
MUSEUM OF ART  
A Smithsonian Affiliate

107 Cliff Park Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45504  
937-325-4673  
Springfieldart.net

### Artist Opportunities

#### Professional Development Opportunity for Artists & Creatives from Arts Midwest

In early February, Arts Midwest kicked off "[Building Your Creative Career](#)," a free, four-part webinar series focused on helping artists find and connect with new audiences.

Through the series, artists will receive practical, real-world guidance to help them develop skills and tools to showcase their work, pursue funding, and increase visibility. Each session will be presented by artists and creatives from the across the Midwest.

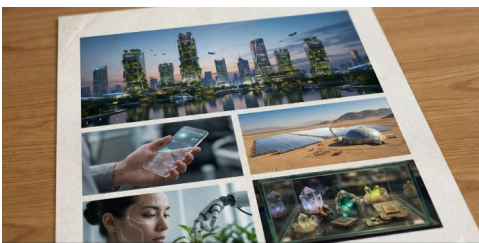
#### Artist Opportunities: [Artist](#)

[Opportunities](#) grants support Ohio artists who have opportunities that will significantly impact their professional growth or have projects that will contribute to the vitality of their community. This grant is open to artists of all disciplines, at any stage of their career, and include all types of artistic practice.

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 2026

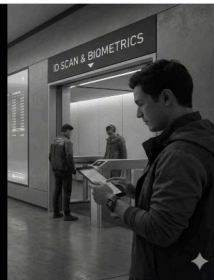
**External - Art of Soul! 2026:** The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center is currently accepting submissions for their [11th biennial National Juried Arts Show, Art of Soul! 2026](#), with a theme of *America 250: Our Story*. Artists are encouraged to submit work which reflects the journey of the United States through the lens of the African diaspora and African American history, culture, and experience. **Submission Deadline:** May 1, 2026

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Visit the Exhibitions  
page on  
[shop.eadgallery.com](http://shop.eadgallery.com)  
for more information

## CALL FOR ART Picturing Tomorrow: Speculative Futures in Lens-Based Art



This exhibition is part of the  
2026 FotoFocus Biennial:  
The Long View

**FOTOFOCUS**  
**BIENNIAL**

[Download the Call for Art](#)

### Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** April 30, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** May 24, 2026
- **Artwork Delivery:** August 1, 2026
- **Exhibition Opening:** October 1, 2026
- **Opening Reception:** October 9, 2026
- **Closing Reception:** October 31, 2026

**Exposition Through Art Program  
ENCORE PROJECT  
A TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT**

**Five Rivers Health Centers**

721 Miami Chapel Rd, Dayton OH 45417  
February 4, 2026 to March 27, 2026

2 YEAR CALENDAR: 2026 & 2027  
CALENDARS AVAILABLE: \$20 EACH

**ARTISTS' RECEPTION**  
March 27, 2026  
4pm - 6pm

**EXHIBIT OPEN:**  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Dirty Pour Workshop**  
Clarice Moore  
Saturday  
March 7, 2026  
11am - 1pm

**ARTISTS:**  
Nathan Conner  
Andrea Cummings  
Yvette Dalton  
Evelyn Hargrove  
Morris Howard  
Judith Huacuja  
Claudia Jones  
Dr. Gina Jones  
Paul Lyons  
Cedric McGhee  
Clarice Moore  
Craig Screven  
Debra Richardson Wood

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## Dayton OH NAACP Presents



Afternoon of The Stars

April 11, 2026

The Dayton OH ACT-SO Youth Program is looking for talented high school students in the following areas:

Performing Arts, Visual Arts, STEM, Writing Humanities, and Business Entrepreneurship

Compete Locally for Medals (only) And Nationally for Academic Awards :

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
\$2000.00	\$1500.00	\$1000.00



Dayton OH ACT-SO Local Competition

Location: Aspire Church  
51 Best Street

Time: Saturday, April 11, 2:30 PM

Contact Cedric McGhee

Phone: (937) 414-2675

Email: [DaytonOhACTSO81@gmail.com](mailto:DaytonOhACTSO81@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*ACT-SO Afternoon of the Stars\*\*\*\*

Winners to be Announced on  
April 12, 2026 in Dayton Ohio, TBD

\*\*\*\*THE ROAD TO CHICAGO IL\*\*\*\*  
July 15-19, 2026

YOU can compete in up to 3 categories

Including:

- \***BUSINESS:** Entrepreneurship, Hospitality Management,
- \***CULINARY:** Culinary Arts,
- \***WRITING HUMANITIES:** Music Composition, Original Essay, Playwriting, Poetry-Written, Short Story
- \***PERFORMING ARTS:** Dance-Ballet, Dance-Contemporary, Dance-Modern, Dance-Traditional, Dramatics, Music Instrumental-Classical, Music Instrumental-Contemporary, Music Vocal-Classical, Music Vocal-Contemporary, Oratory, Poetry Performance
- \***STEM:** Architecture, Biology/Microbiology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth & Space Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine & Health, Physics
- \***VISUAL ARTS:** Drawing, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, Sculpture

Looking for visual arts and performing arts judges for **Saturday, April 11, 2026.**

Time for judges to arrive: 2PM

Place: Aspire Church, 51 Best St. Dayton OH

expected amount of time that judges will judge. approximately an hour

Will there be refreshments? yes

Will there be compensation? now, just gift cards and honor gifts.

For more information, call Cedric McGhee at 937-414-2675

ACT-SO - Afro-Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**TITLE:** *RIGHTSTARTER: Resistance, Rap, and the Golden Era* Group Exhibition

**ORGANIZER:** A Village of Creatives / Spirithaus / Herndon Gallery at Antioch College

**THEME:** *Rightstarter* seeks artwork exploring the “Golden Era” (1986-1993) of Rap Music and its roots (Jazz, Funk, Soul, R&B etc.) as a cultural phenomenon and Black sub-culture. Art may include all elements; the arts, music, dance, and fashion. Artists are encouraged to create work that speaks to the consciousness that Rap music embodied and enabled including, Afro-centric awareness, cultural identity, political resistance, and social commentary. Work that time capsules the late 80’s early 90’s fashion, trends, and milestones, and that incorporates specific artists, elements, or references from the era is highly encouraged.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all visual artists working in the following 2D or 3D mediums including (painting, mixed media, photography, sculpture) Also multi-media, video, music, installation art, and performance art.

**MUSICAL ACTS:** *Rightstarter* will book supporting acts and potential headliner. For a live musical performance. This is a call to musicians/rappers/singers please send copies of work / links to email below.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** April 15, 2026

**NOTIFICATION:** APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>

**DROP-OFF:** MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**SHOW DATES:** MAY 9<sup>th</sup> - JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

**HOW TO SUBMIT:** Email up to 3 hi res examples of your work, or link to a website or online portfolio to [jwhitakerartist@gmail.com](mailto:jwhitakerartist@gmail.com) . Include *RIGHTSTARTER* and

*Artist Name* in the subject line. Examples do NOT need to be final pieces for the show, but should be a clear display of your work and skill set.

**CONTACT:** Joshua Whitaker – Curator - [jwhitakerartist@gmail.com](mailto:jwhitakerartist@gmail.com)

# Arts for All

## 2026 MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARTS FORUM

Join us for the Inaugural Montgomery County Arts Forum, bringing together arts and community partners to explore the impact of arts and culture and how to collaborate with this vital part of our local economy.



MONDAY  
**April 13, 2026**  
NOON-4 P.M.

Sinclair College  
Conference Center  
Attendance is free!  
Register by April 9:  
[bit.ly/MCArtForum2026](https://bit.ly/MCArtForum2026)

