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Cultural Council for Palm Beach County Celebrates Local Black Artists in Latest Exhibition

Arts agency partners with ATB Fine Art Group Inc. to build bridges and understanding

LAKE WORTH BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 6, 2021) — The **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** is proud to announce its newest main exhibition, "[Karibu: A Celebration of Black Artists in Palm Beach County](#)", set to open to the public on Jan. 18, 2021 at the Council's headquarters in downtown Lake Worth Beach.

Karibu (pronounced kah-ree-boo) means "welcome, come in" in Swahili. This celebratory concept of Black culture, not unlike the Southern tradition of Sunday dinner after church, invites everyone to embrace the journey of life and learn through the eyes and creativity of local Black artists. The exhibition is intended to build cultural bridges (not walls) between different communities.

Presented by the Council and curated by ATB Fine Art Group Inc., the Harlem Renaissance-style exhibition will run through March 13, 2021. It will feature the following visual artists:

- Turgo Bastien
- Caron Bowman
- Anthony Burks Sr.
- Jamaal "Visualist" Clark
- Dariel Donovan
- Michelle Drummond
- Eminent By Buera
- Lee Glaze
- Tracy Guiteau
- Shica Hardy
- Shawn Henderson
- Andrew Hollimon
- Lawrence Jean-Louis
- Scott Jeffries
- Kianga Jinaki
- Lupe Lawrence
- Ron Lawrence
- Sadesosublime
- Cynthia Simmons
- Shani Simpson
- Jahnoi Smith

- Treal Toonz by JaFleu
- Raquel Williams
- Brian Wood
- Gillian Kennedy Wright

"The Cultural Council gallery exhibitions celebrate Palm Beach County artists," said Dave Lawrence, the Council's president & CEO. "As we work to make the Cultural Council an even more inclusive and accessible organization, we are shining the spotlight on artists of color for our newest exhibition, Karibu, curated by Anthony Burks and Trina Slade-Burks. We will continue to grow the roster of artists that exhibit in our galleries and we are looking forward to sharing the exceptional work of these artists through this exhibition."

"Our goal has always been to highlight and provide platforms for visual and literary black artists as a collective of gifted, artistic pioneers," said Trina Slade-Burks. "This particular exhibition is meant to showcase artists who are emerging, mid-career and established as well as folk, self-taught and classically trained artists. The artist's works are not focused solely on visuals of Africa or people of African descent. To the contrary, their creations should always reflect the diversity of talents, influences and muses of artists of African descent."

Special Events

In celebration of "**Karibu: A Celebration of Black Artists in Palm Beach County**" the Council will host a **Member Preview Open House** on Saturday, Jan. 16 from noon to 5 p.m. (For Council members only. Advance registration required; limited to 30 guests/hour). Attendees will receive a free gift. To RSVP, visit palmbeachculture.com/karibu.

The Council will also host "**I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration**" in partnership with the Martin Luther King Jr. Coordinating Committee of West Palm Beach on **Saturday, Jan. 16** from noon to 3 p.m. in the Project Space, located directly behind the organization's headquarters. The free event will include live art demonstrations from four of the exhibition's artists (Anthony Burks Sr., Lawrence Jean-Louis, Scott Jeffries and Raquel Williams), family-friendly art activities, and live performances by Fresh Wind Dance Group, Tony McDowell's Peace Camp Actors, Tristan Blake and Derron Blake (orators), In-Time Youth Choir Singers, Elysse Wilson and Matt Brown (musicians).

Karibu is **generously sponsored by** Palm Beach Media Group, Florida Weekly and The Palm Beach Post.

If You Go

What: ["Karibu: A Celebration of Black Artists in Palm Beach County"](http://palmbeachculture.com/karibu)

When: Jan. 18 through March 13, 2021 (limited hours and capacity; Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m.)

Where: Cultural Council for Palm Beach County (601 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth Beach, Fla. 33460)

Details: All artwork featured in this exhibition is for sale. Proceeds from artwork sales directly benefit local artists and support the Council's mission to grow arts and culture in Palm Beach County. To inquire about a piece, please email art@palmbeachculture.com.

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ABOUT THE CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the only organization solely dedicated to supporting arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. In its sustaining effort to foster growth of the cultural sector, the Council provides support services to cultural

organizations and creative professionals, administers public and private grant programs, advocates for cultural funding, enhances local arts education, and promotes cultural tourism.

The Council serves as a venue highlighting works by Palm Beach County visual and performing artists at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach. The building is also home to the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring items by local artisans; the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center; and the outdoor Project Space, offering the best view of the building's iconic Martin Luther King Jr. mural by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra.

**The Cultural Council is currently open to the public with reduced hours (Tuesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m.) and limited capacity, with special guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all guests and staff. For more information, including a comprehensive calendar of cultural events in The Palm Beaches, visit www.palmbeachculture.com.*