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The world-famous Detroit art scene comes to West Michigan in a new exhibition

MUSKEGON, MI — The world-famous Detroit art scene comes to West Michigan in an exhibition featuring 16 contemporary Detroit artists whose work highlights the strength and vibrancy of the Detroit art community. *Visions: 16 Detroit Artists* will be at the Muskegon Museum of Art from January 18 to April 28.

Visions: 16 Detroit Artists will feature a variety of media influenced by the Detroit art scene. From jazz inspired collages to large-scale portraits, photography to photorealism, these works of art reveal the unique and diverse stories from within the art communities of Detroit. The exhibiting artists are Gil Ashby, Peter David Bernal, Judy Bowman, Bakpak Durden, Laura Gibson, Henry Heading, Michael Horner, Sydney James, Richard Lewis, Dr. Hubert Massey, Nivek Monet, Carole Morriseau, Vernard Rubens, Ackeem Salmon, Richard Wilson, and Shirley Woodson.

Dr. Hubert Massey, an award winning Detroit artist and muralist, guest curated Visions: 16 Detroit Artists. Massey is best known for his public murals, which can be found throughout the state of Michigan, especially Detroit in Mexicantown, Greektown, at the Cultural Center, Cobo Hall, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the Detroit Athletic Club. Here in West Michigan, Massey's work can be found in downtown Muskegon on the face of the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center.

An opening reception for Visions: 16 Detroit Artists will be held on Thursday, January 18 at 5 PM with an artists panel at 6 PM. The artist panel will be led by Dr. Hubert Massey with artists Shirlee Woodson-Reid, Sydney James, Carole Morisseau, Richard Lewis, and Peter Bernail.

A presentation on Public Art in Muskegon, presented by Judy Hayner, will be held at the Muskegon Museum of Art on Thursday, February 22 at 6 PM.

Visions: 16 Detroit Artists is generously sponsored by the DTE Foundation and PNC Bank.

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