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The 3rd Annual *Sacred Spaces* Project is underway Celebrating Detroit's Black arts & cultural spaces throughout Black History Month

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2025 | DETROIT – For the third consecutive year, many of Detroit's Black-owned and operated arts and cultural spaces have joined forces to participate in ***Sacred Spaces*** – a city-wide self-guided tour highlighting and cross-promoting exhibitions, programs, and venues throughout Black History Month. With nearly twenty sites involved, any Black-owned/led operation dedicated to the exhibition and presentation of visual and creative media within Detroit's city limits is eligible to be a part of the growing Motown tradition. The art spaces range from high-end galleries to multi-purpose venues, and retail locations with an affinity for the arts. From budding businesses to time-honored institutions, each location uniquely serves its community and constituents, demonstrating the diversity among Detroit's art spaces and collectors and the city's persevering appetite for culture. This year, *Sacred Spaces* welcomes at least three new art venues to Detroit's bustling creative ecosystem!

Supported by Detroit's Office of Arts, Culture & Entrepreneurship (DetroitACE), *Sacred Spaces* was launched in 2023 by Directors at Irwin House Gallery and Norwest Gallery. The initiative continues to help drive art enthusiasts to participating spaces via the website, social and printed media. Confirmed partners on the 2025 iteration include Detroit ACE, **NASP-Detroit**, an organization that supports financial literacy, women and minority-led entrepreneurship, and scholarships for young college-bound Detroiters, and **the Carr Center**, who will host this year's final celebration on February 28th. "Sacred Spaces honors and uplifts black-owned business enterprise and black culture overall. NASP-Detroit is so excited to partner in this sacred, necessary movement," shared Kathleen Colin, the President of the organization. *Sacred Spaces* organizers are working to maintain platforms that continue the support, celebration, and cross-promotion all year-round.

Sacred Spaces harnesses Black History Month as a vehicle to illuminate and, ultimately, strengthen Black-owned cultural locations – who suffer disproportionately in building and maintaining their enterprises in the face of limited resources, rising costs, and changing demographics across the city. The project provides an exciting and accessible entry point into the arts for natives and visitors to the Motor City, brings color and vitality during the core of winter, and hopes to draw widespread attention to the fact that Detroit, Michigan is home to a multitude of thriving and diverse Black-owned and operated arts and cultural spaces. Arguably, no other destination in the world can state that claim. Organizers hope to bring this unique Motown feature to international attention and continue celebrating Detroit as an arts incubator and destination for the world!

Participating venues include **Arts Extended, The Carr Center, Dabl's MBAD African Bead Museum, The Fel'le Gallery, Design Studio 6, Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club, Jo's Gallery, Harper Galleries of Art & Interiors, Irwin House Global Art Center & Gallery**, the **Liquor Basket, MAC Galleries, Mack Alive, NCA Gallery, Norwest Gallery of Art and Sherry Arts LLC** at WC3's Ford and Downtown campuses. The project additionally recognizes Eric's I've Been Framed and Sherwood Forest Art on the Avenue of Fashion, and welcomes **Café Rosa, Chloe Monroe Gallery, EMB Collective, Someday Art & Bakehouse**, the forthcoming **Black Rose Gallery**, and the **Michigan Black Business Alliance**, which has launched an exhibition feature to its new downtown location as part of its *Art of Business* program.

Sacred Spaces also celebrates and mourns the loss of two important Detroit gallery owners in 2024: James "Mac" McKissick of **Mac Galleries** and Duane Belin of **Liberal Arts Gallery**. Both operated for decades in the city and positively impacted the lives of both artists and fellow business-owners. Mac Galleries continues to flourish on Detroit's northwest side, led by Mac's dedicated son, Eric McKissick. Located on Gratiot near Mack, Liberal Arts Gallery is currently closed for business and remembered fondly as a place where many artists, including Tyree Guyton, Donald Calloway, and Geno Harris were able to get a start. Both Mac and Belin are sorely missed.

Art seekers are invited to follow *Sacred Spaces* galleries, venues, exhibitions and events throughout Black History Month through the website, sacredspaces-tourdetroit.com or blackgalleriesdetroit.com, and via social media, [@detroitssacredspaces313](https://www.instagram.com/detroitssacredspaces313) (IG) and [facebook.com/blackgalleriesdetroit](https://www.facebook.com/blackgalleriesdetroit). Inquiries may be directed to detroitssacredspaces@gmail.com.

Sacred Spaces promo and a few upcoming events on the following page. Additional photos available upon request >>

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH
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