# Resume

# **Errol McKinson**

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## **About the Artist**

**Errol W. McKinson** is a resilient and vibrant breakout award-winning artist. At an early age, McKinson was fascinated by the works of art that surrounded him in his homeland Jamaica and later became extremely interested in Modern Art, Impressionism and Cubism, the style and techniques of Claude Monet, Paul Cezanne, Pablo Picasso, and George Braque. These Masters influence McKinson's work today and his overall body of work is represented in a total of 30 series, taken from life experience, societal matters, nature, and civilization.

As a self-taught artist and a recipient of numerous awards, McKinson brings a kaleidoscope of distinctive colors and thoughtful brushstrokes that evoke a range of feelings – compassion and anger, sorrow and laughter, despair and mobilization. Most recently, he has been awarded with the **Certificate of Recognition** from the exhibition *Maryland Muse, Art in Treasured Spaces* from the Comptroller of Maryland for his new series Modern Art Meets Cubism, Activism Meets Justice – Clarence Thomas; an **Excellent Art Achievement** honor from Artist Space Gallery; and **Juror's Choice** and the **Director's Choice Award** from Howard County Arts Council.

For over a decade, McKinson has been recognized in art shows and through online galleries. He has also opened his personal studio to show the community some of his most illustrative and emotive pieces which display an exploration of his conceptualizations. In his works, you'll see the reflection of the greatest Impressionists and Cubists, he is currently exploring a variety of methods seeking to uncover the hidden secrets of **Modern Art, Impressionism** and **Cubism**.

McKinson's most recent work has focused on giving a voice to the voiceless. From that perspective, the latest series – **Activism Meets Justice**, **At the Asylum**, **Coal Miners**, and **Cuban Experience** – feature the characters and lifestyles of marginalized and overlooked people in society. Although their voices were muted, the array of colors they bring to the canvas and panels are not.

Errol's McKinson's art studio is in suburban Maryland and appointments for in-person visits, offering access to his complete gallery, may be scheduled by contacting the artist directly at <a href="mailto:errolwmckinson@gmail.com">errolwmckinson@gmail.com</a>.

Contact Errol for commissioned artwork, including family portraits and interior murals.

Art collectors may find his work online at <a href="https://bakerartist.org/portfolios/mckinsongallery">https://mckinsongallery.com/</a> and his portfolio has a strong presence on these social media platforms:







#### **Exhibitions**

- Baine 50+ Center Artist Talk (2024)
- Glen Echo Park 53<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day Exhibition (2024)
- Columbia Association Art Center Blossoms of Hope (2024)
- Comptroller of Maryland Certificate of Recognition Maryland Muse, Art in Treasured Spaces (2024)
- Maryland State Art Council Maryland Muse, Art in Treasured Spaces (2024)
- Columbia Association Art Center Beyond the Blues (2024)
- Howard County Art Council HoCo Open (2024)
- Columbia Association Art Center Singular Sensation (2023)
- Bernice Kisk Gallery Artist Talk (2023)
- Bernice Kish Gallery Solo Show (2023)
- BusBoys and Poets Artist Talk (2023)
- BusBoys and Poets Columbia Grand Opening (2022- 2023)
- HoCo Open Call 2021 (2022)
- Art Howard County Juror's Choice Award (2022)
- Art Howard County Director's Choice Award (2021)
- HoCo Open Call (2020-2021)
- Funky Arts Friday DC/LA Arts (2019-2020)
- Funky Arts Friday DC/LA Arts (2017-2018)
- Huntington Community Center Solo Exhibit (2017)
- ART All Night Made IN DC Solo Exhibit, Calabash Tea & Tonic (2017)
- Light Space & Time: Special Recognition Award (2016)
- Red, Hot & Wild (2016)
- Laurel Beltsville Senior Activity Ctr. Solo Exhibit (2015-2016)
- Jamaican Embassy, Washington DC (2015)
- Washington Artworks A Foot in the Door (2015)
- Laurel Arts District Committee Holiday House Tour (2015)
- Olive on Main Solo Exhibit (2015-2017)
- Dick Blick Spring Sale Flyer Promotion (2015)
- Island Pride Restaurant Solo Exhibit (2015)
- Laser Cat laser light and projections (2015)
- Washington Artworks Call for the Halls (2015)
- Washington Artworks Small Wonders, (2014)
- Montpelier Arts Center All Hung Gallery (2014)
- Laurel Arts Festival (2014)
- Home Body and Soul Spa Resident Artist (2004-2006)
- Jamaican Embassy Residence of Ambassador (2000)

### **Professional Memberships**

- Howard County Local Business Initiative
- Howard County Art Council
- Washington Projects for the Arts
- MSAC (Maryland State Art Council)
- US Small Business Administration
- Artist Magazine