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BLU MURPHY

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE ARTIST/ PHOTOGRAPHER

Brandy "Blu" Murphy is a Washington, DC based artist known for capturing the strength of her subjects through photography and utilizing graffiti, texture, collage and color to tell the story of disenfranchised African Americans who are often unheard and unseen, showcasing them as works of art.

EDUCATION

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduated: May 2004

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

- Student Art Association leader responsible for the coordination of art fundraising events
- Award-winning student in the annual Student Art Exhibition
- Artwork featured in the Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State University
- Arts teaching ambassador for Morgan State University's youth community outreach program.

EXHIBITIONS

- Group Exhibition, Art On the Rise, Washington D.C 2021-2023
- Solo Exhibition, Arena Social Arts Club, Washington, DC 2023
- Group Exhibition, Dupont Underground, Washington, DC 2023
- Group Exhibition, Eubie Blake Cultural Center, Baltimore, Maryland 2023
- Solo Exhibition, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, Virginia 2022
- Black Girl Art Show, Washington, DC 2022
- Solo Exhibition, Asian Fusion Art Gallery, Washington, DC 2021

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Washington Post* Art Feature and Solo Exhibition highlight. Published July 8, 2022
- *DC Fray Magazine* four page Feature Published March 2022.
- *Architectural Digest* Feature in (subscribers issue.) Published May 2022
- *Washington City Paper* Feature. Published May 2022
- *Create Magazine* Honorable mention by curator Elsa Ali. Published spring 2022
- HarperCollins book cover, How the Boogeyman Became a Poet Published February, 6, 2024
- TikTok post generated over 100,000 views 2023

EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

D.C Public Charter School
August 2017 - Present

- Create and execute arts-based cross curricular education programming that infuses art history, black history, STEM, and the fundamentals of drawing, painting, and mixed media art.
- Collaborate with board members, leaders and educators to design and develop programming and activities centered around student, parent and community engagement through the arts.
- Mentorship and portfolio development of K-8 students who express desire and passion for the arts.
- Curate and construct student art displays.

ART TEACHER

June 2004 - June 2017

- Noyse Middle School
- Cesar Chavez Public Charter School
- Septima Clark Public Charter School
- Hyde Leadership Public Charter School
- The Laurence G. Paquin School
- Canton Middle School
- The Chimes School

SKILLS

- Arts curriculum development
- Fundraising strategic planning
- Events management
- Budgeting and Cost Control
- Portrait and forced perspective photography
- Extensive teaching experience in arts education
- Project Management
- Mixed media artistry
- Corporate relations management