

Press Release

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African American Art and Culture Complex

Presents

Rhapsody in Blue

August 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011

Opening Reception: August 24, 2010, 6-8 PM

“Rhapsody in Blue” features some of Nannette Harris’s beloved and popular works like: James Brown, Carlos Santana, and Tina Turner. She will also unveil her new creations like: Jimi Hendrix, Marolyn Monroe, and the African American Art & Culture Complex’s own, Sargent Johnson – of whom our gallery is named after.

Nannette Harris is an African American artist born and raised in Oakland, California. She followed her passion for art and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the California College of Arts and Crafts. She has been painting for thirty-five years.

Nannette’s use of color in her paintings allows the colors to show the meaning of her work. The vision for her style came in a dream, using the primary colors, blue, red, and yellow. “Blue” represents the color of our blood before it is oxygenated, “Red” represents the color of our blood after oxygenation and “Yellow” represents the aura and energy of life. She believes “Black” radiates when used with color and enjoy using the negative space, creating a touch of cubism, texture and geometric shapes in her paintings. It is of interest to note that Nannette has been very environmentally conscious of the materials she uses, being called the “Green artist” that paints “Blue People”. She paints and creates her artwork using recycled oil and acrylic metallic paints. She has been recycling her paints and old paint brushes that allows her to sculpt and give texture to the hair of the characters she paints. She never discards any left-over paint she uses. Therefore, her concern for the environment prompts her to be creative in re-using the materials.

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African American Art and Culture Complex Mission:

The African American Art and Culture Complex (AAACC) is a community based 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts and cultural organization. Our mission is to nurture and facilitate the empowerment of our community through Afro-centric artistic and cultural expression, mediums, education and programming. The AAACC is dedicated to inspiring children and youth to serve as agents of change, cultivating their leadership skills and fostering a commitment to community service and activism. In addition, the AAACC is dedicated to encouraging, supporting, and promoting the work of young aspiring Bay Area artists. We also strive to develop partnerships with organizations that are similarly committed to our mission driven objectives.

Admission: Free and open to the public. Donations Accepted. Free Parking.

762 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12 - 5pm

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