

Press Release

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## **African American Art and Culture Complex**

**Presents**

***The Art of Living Black: The Vibrancy of Color***

**February 4 through May 28, 2010.**

**Opening Reception: April 8, 6-8 PM**

The Art of Living Black has partnered with the Sargent Johnson Gallery in providing the only annual preview exhibition and self-guided Art Tour in the Bay Area featuring local artists of African descent.

The exhibition features emerging and established artists. Each year, three artists are selected to receive the Jan Hart-Schuyers Artistic Achievement Award. This award is presented in memory of Jan Hart-Schuyers, artist, art activist, and co-founder of The Art Of Living Black, who passed in 1998. Rae Louise Hayward, artist, art activist, and co-founder of The Art of Living Black, passed in 2008. Her art celebrated the beauty of the African culture. Together, they created a venue that has paved the way for a new generation of artists to share their work.

### **Artist List:**

Elizabeth Carter, Ajuan Mance, Hilda Robinson, Karin Turner, Shawn Weeden, Bernadette Robertson

### **African American Art and Culture Complex**

#### **Background:**

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**

**Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12 - 5pm**

**[www.aaacc.org](http://www.aaacc.org)**

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