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SILVER SCREEN ARTIST



Billy D. Williams

Fort Lauderdale, FL., The silvers screen meets Ft . Lauderdale at the ArtBlend gallery. During this month's gallery reception, I had the pleasure of meeting Frank Biolotta, who is the owner and curator of the Silver Screen Studios.

The Studios mission is much more than just a gallery. It is a conduit for the celebrity and musician to showcase another side of their talent through art. Whether the medium is painting, drawing, or sculpture, these artists are not limited to just one form of creativity. We are a full service company offering management, on-line web development, social media, fulfillment, video, editing and graphic design.

I was amazed to see a dedicated wall in the gallery to artists who we would normally see on the silver screen and their works as visual art.

I was drawn to the images of Billy D. Williams. I knew that Williams was a fine art artist and seeing his work in person was more than thrill because I could the voice of my Mom and aunts raving over each one of his big screen performances.

For Williams, painting has been a life-long pursuit. His paintings of family and friends capture the essence of their personalities and character. While working on the Broadway stage, he reconnected with the art environment of New York, which prompted him to embark upon a series of remarkable new paintings.

Music, philosophy, psychological motif, love, interior landscape and history all became subjects to explore. In a burst of artistic energy Billy painted 120 works in two years.

Williams paintings generally are acrylic on canvas, applied with brush and airbrush; collage elements often appear. Billy, always willing to challenge himself, has also created three-dimensional canvasses incorporating ceramic, Lucite, and neon light.

Williams has had many national and international exhibitions garnering recognition for his exceptional paintings. His paintings are included in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Gallery, Washington DC, the Schomburg Center for Research and Black Culture, New York, African American Museum, New Orleans, US Olympic Committee, and the Museum of Jazz, Kansas City. Private collectors include such notable individuals as General Alexander Haig, Motown Records founder Berry Gordy, saxophonist Kenny G. The Nissan Motor Corporation and Sears Corporation also include Billy's paintings in their collections.

On occasion there are VIP receptions with the Silver Screen Tars. To find out more information about Arblend visit their website at <http://www.artblend.com>. To Learn more or inquire about the Silver Screen Artist visit <http://silverscreenartists.com>.

Tuskegee Airmen
oil on canvas, 36 x 36

"Billy Dee Williams grew up in the Harlem section of New York City in a family that nurtured artistic expression in all forms. At his mother's urging, at the young age of seven, Billy Dee made his acting debut on Broadway in the FIREBRAND OF FLORENCE, starring Lotte Lenya. Billy attended public school including the High School of Music and Art. He was awarded the prestigious Hallgarten Award Scholarship to attend the National Academy of Fine Arts and Design. In order to earn money to buy paint and canvas Billy, remembering his positive stage experience as a youngster, returned to acting, contrary to the strong protests of his art professors. Billy quickly distinguished himself in the performing arts and despite the often-arduous schedules managed to keep his love of painting an integral part of his life." Source: silverscreenartist.com

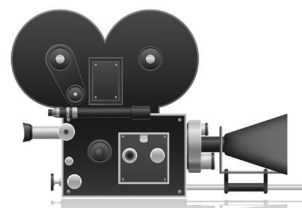


Etude: 36 x 36 Oil on Canvas

The Westside Gazette Arts & Culture Section was named Creating Community from our Arts Journalism team. Our journalism style is to celebrate our own local treasures and their accomplishments at each stage of an art career. We are committed to bringing arts news to our community from the community. Articles are written weekly showcasing local artist, arts organizations, arts education and art happenings



Are you an Artist or an Arts Organization?
Got a great event or information to share?



ART on AIDS & HIV



South Florida has Highest AIDS Rates in USA.

Artist of all ages have a message to share in helping this epidemic that is affecting our community.

SCRUBBING OUT THE STIGMA by joining the World AIDS Museum & Educational Center and Artist Yvette Michele by sharing the art in Social Media.

"GET TESTED, LOVE IS SAFE" . Knowing your status saves your life and your partners. This is the Message from the artist.

You can view this work of art and others at the World AIDS Museum and Educational center in Wilton Manors, Florida.

Inclusion to Arts Beat Calendar Call for advertising opportunities at 954-525-1489

Arts Beat Calendar Highlights

6:00 pm Every last Saturday of the month. Art Walk at FAT Village, & Mass District . Musicians, singers, poets, and visual arts. Vendor opportunities available at the mass district call 954-588-4670. Special Halloween Party in the MASS DistrictCheck trolley routes for pick up and drop off times.



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