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2017 East of the River Distinguished Artist Award

Recipient: James Terrell

(Washington, DC) The Honfleur Gallery is proud to present James Terrell with the 2017 East of the River Distinguished Artist Award. The Honfleur Gallery exemplifies high standards of art and culture from across the city and nation. In 2012, the East of the River Distinguished Artist Award was created, to celebrate the exemplary caliber of artists from Ward 7 and 8.

Over its six-year history, the East of the River Distinguished Artist Award celebrates the achievements and contributions of East of the River artists who, individually and collectively, have made a positive impact on the state of the arts in Washington DC. The judging panel is composed of individuals who were past recipients of the award. Representing a variety of artistic disciplines, well versed in the history of the arts and with specific knowledge of the neighborhoods. James Terrell was selected by this panel of his peers to receive this auspicious award based on the aforementioned criteria.

The award ceremony will take place July 13, 2017 from 6-9PM in the Black Box Theatre inside the Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road SE, Washington, DC.

About the Artist:

A native Washingtonian, Terrell was raised in Ward 7 by Rev. Dr. James E. Terrell and retired Judge Mary Terrell. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Howard University, followed by a Master of Fine Arts from Parsons School of Design and cumulated with a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York with a concentration on Theology and the Fine Arts.

At the Historic Second Baptist Church of Washington DC, Terrell is currently an Assistant Pastor and Chairman of the Youth Department. He is also the Chair of the Music Committee, coordinating youth programs in the church and community. Additionally, he is the Director of Youth Programs for the Council of Churches of Greater Washington as well a regular artist lecturer.



"My Art can visually attract individuals notwithstanding the age, race, color, ethnic, religious, or creed of the viewer. The paintings represent sheared life experiences. At times all humans contemplate life, love, religion, decisions made and decisions yet to be made". – James Terrell



James Terrell has been a DC art teacher for 10-years, teaching elementary, middle, high and Charter school students. His classes are designed to ensure that students learn and achieve despite their socioeconomic challenges. His volunteer efforts have extended to the 20-year-old High Tea Society – Girls Connected (HTS-GC) non-profit organization. In 2007, Terrell implemented an art youth program which served over 100 teen girls. The program expanded in 2008 to include 132 girls and boys funded by the Department of Employment Services and received a grant over \$50k from the office of Victim Services. James is currently working to produce the fourth annual *Creative Expression Competition* in collaboration with PEPCO, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington and WMATA.

About Honfleur Gallery:

HonfleurGallery.com

Established in 2007, Honfleur Gallery is a contemporary fine art exhibition space located in the heart of Anacostia's Historic District. Honfleur Gallery is a project of ARCH, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of Historic Anacostia. Learn more at archdc.org.