



*Le Moyne Arts*

# Joy & Excellence

Featuring Donald Davis & Lei Snelling

January 25 - March 5, 2022



Donald Davis, "Untitled Bust", Oil, 20" x 16", \$1200

Lei Snelling, "Good Company", Pastel & Gold Leaf, 17.5" x 14.5", \$600

Joy & Excellence is an exhibit in recognition of Black History Month featuring artists Donald Davis & Lei Snelling and showcasing works from local and regional artists of color. This exhibit is a space for people of color to celebrate identity, culture, and self-expression as we continue to work towards equality.

### Participating Artists

Stephanie Barber  
William Barton  
Kristin "Joy" Brown  
Ivy Cohen  
Donald Davis  
Keith Doles  
Janelle Edwards  
Myra Hart  
Zaid Haynes

Faith Higgins  
Jae House  
Aquila Johnson  
Stanley Johnson  
Janelle Murraine  
Lei Snelling  
Kaiyla Thompson  
Myah Freeman  
April Williams

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE**  
"THE PEOPLE WHO COULD FLY"  
BY VIRGINIA HAMILTON



**BY ESSENTIAL THEATER ASSOCIATES**  
LILI FORBES & MONICA WOODS  
JAN. 25, 2022, 6pm

**Muffins & Mimosas Presents:**  
**Poetry Reading**



**Avis Simmonds**      **Cynthia Rose**      **Rhamira Joi "Mir Mir"**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2022**  
**11-12:30PM**

*Special Events: Free for LeMoyné Arts Members, \$5 for Non-Members*

Pastries provided by  
Uptown Café and Catering

Craft Beer provided by  
DEEP Brewing Co.



# Featured Artists

## Donald Davis

Donald Davis is a self-taught artist who started with a love of drawing from an early age.

In his late 30s, Donald started to paint and felt this was a whole new experience of visual expression; it can best be described by him as "taking a big leap of faith".

A common theme in his artwork is texture, building up the canvas with thick layers of paint. He also creates mixed media pieces on wood by applying found objects, textured paints, and other molding mediums.

On this creative journey, Donald has discovered that creating great art requires an artist to take great risks, referencing Pablo Picasso, who once said, "I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."



## Lei Snelling

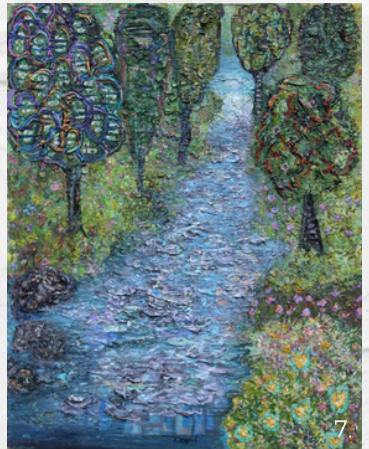
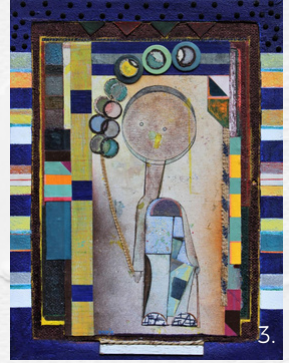
Lei Snelling is a Florida native who currently lives in the Metro Atlanta area as a High School graphic design instructor. In the spring of 2012 she graduated from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) with a degree in Fine Arts and a minor in Education.

During her time at FAMU, she had the privilege of studying abroad in South Africa as a botanical illustrator. Through her journey of the Eastern and Western Capes, she became inspired by the prismatic glow of the natives and their agriculture.

She creates works that focus on the celebration of people of color. Her preferred media are water soluble pastels on wood, or natural/recycled canvas and ceramics.



Donald Davis



1. **Abstract on Denim & Canvas**, Oil, Acrylic, & Mixed Media, 20" x 16", \$700
2. **Woman's Profile**, Oil, Acrylic, & Mixed Media, 13" x 10.75", \$1,100
3. **Boy Standing with Balloons**, Oil, Acrylic, & Mixed Media, 16" x 12", \$700
4. **Untitled Bust**, Oil, 20" x 16", \$1,200
5. **Untitled**, Oil, Acrylic, & Mixed Media, 24" x 30", \$1,500
6. **Virtuous Woman**, Oil & Mixed Media, 16" x 20", \$2,500
7. **Peace Like a River**, Oil, 10" x 8", \$475

Lei Snelling



- 8. **Good Company**, Water-soluble Pastel & Gold Leaf, 17.5" x 14.5", \$600
- 9. **Pinkie**, Water-soluble Pastel & Graphite, 23.75" x 23.75", \$500
- 10. **Mama**, Batik, 43" x 13.5", \$150
- 11. **Paper Doll**, Water-soluble Pastel & Wood, 11.5" x 8.5", \$100
- 12. **Soleil**, Mixed Media, 24" x 12", \$150
- 13. **Hey Girl**, Water-soluble Pastel & Wood, 10" x 7", \$100
- 14. **Snap Peas**, Raffia & Fabric, 8.5" x 9.5", \$125

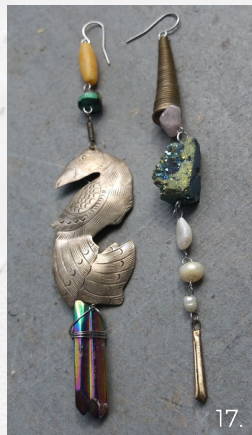
## Participating Artist Highlights



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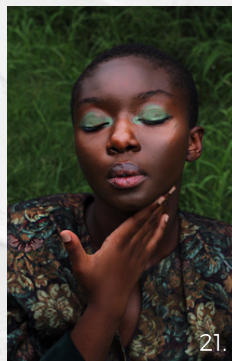
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15. **She is Afrika**, Janelle Murraine, Mixed Media, 16 x 12 inches, \$600  
16. **No Hiding That Smile**, Stanley Johnson, 20" x 30", \$700  
17. **Asymmetrical Earrings**, Janelle Edwards, Mixed Media, 14 x 2 cm, \$75  
18. **Blanketed Bearcats**, William Barton, Oil, 40" x 30", NFS  
19. **Untitled**, Ivy Cohen, Digital, 8" x 10", \$30  
20. **Ife 2**, Zaid Haynes, Oil, 12"x9", NFS  
21. **Free Mind**, Jae House, Photography, 8" x 10", \$111  
22. **The Mother Became an In-Law**, Kaiyla Thompson, Mixed Media, 40" x 30", \$750

## Participating Artist Highlights



23. **Community Garden**, Keith Doles, acrylic on canvas, 28" x 22", \$600  
24. **Starflower Heart**, Kristin "Joy" Brown, 8" x 10", \$60  
25. **Bouquet, Faith Higgins**, Mixed media, 24" x 24", \$260  
26. **Cathedral of Palms**, Stephanie Barber, Acrylic, 24" x 18", \$600  
27. **2020: Contained Yet Content**, Myra Hart, Mixed Media, 30" x 24", \$195  
28. **Black History Festival**, Aquila Johnson, Acrylic, 30" x 42", \$350  
29. **Virtuous Compassion**, April Williams, Oil, Acrylic & Tulle, 36" x 24", NFS  
30. **Nostalgia: Freeman**, Myah Freeman, Mixed Media, 3' x 17.5', NFS

Upcoming Exhibit:

35th Annual Mahaska  
Whitley Student Exhibition  
High School Art & Senior  
Portfolio Competition

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