

A DIRECTORY OF ARTISTS OF COLOR – GROUPS, BUSINESSES, ETC.

A

Organization: A Taste of Art
Contact person: Marvin Jones
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 4701 W. Lisbon Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Phone: (414) 447-0740
E-mail: atasteofart47@gmail.com
Web address: www.tasteofart4701.com
Type of Organization: Coffee shop and deli
Description: Exhibits work of local artists.

Organization: African American Arts Alliance
Contact person: Sandi Robinson
Contact person's position: President
Mailing address: 700 N Museum Drive,
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Phone: (414) 224-3253
E-mail: sandra.robinson@marquette.edu
Web address:
<http://mam.org/involved/details/aaaa.php>
Type of Organization: Art museum support
group
Description: Supports acquisition of African-
American art in the permanent collection of
the Milwaukee Art Museum.
Affiliation: Milwaukee Art Museum

Organization: African American Children's
Theater
Contact person: Constance Clark
Contact person's position: Artistic/executive
director and founder
Mailing address: 1915 N. Dr. Martin Luther
King Dr., Suite 2136, Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 461-5771
E-mail: americanplays@aol.com
Web address: www.aact.us
Type of Organization: Theater for children
Description: Stages two annual productions
and conducts an ongoing after-school theater
training academy.

Organization: African American World Cultural
Center
Contact person: Tyrone Dumas
Contact person's position: Board president
Mailing address: 4222 W. Capitol Drive Suite
109/110, Milwaukee, WI
Phone: (414) 462-6657
E-mail: tpdumas07@att.net
Web address: www.africanamericanwcc.com
Type of Organization: Art support group
Description: Is working to acquire the
resources to build a comprehensive
cultural arts center in the Bronzeville
Development.

Organization: African World Festival
Contact person: Gloria Miller
Contact person's position: Executive director
Mailing address: 2821 N.4th St. Suite 208,
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 372-4567
E-mail: [gmliller@africanworldfestival-
milwaukee.com](mailto:gmliller@africanworldfestival-milwaukee.com)
Web address: [www.africanworldfestival-
milwaukee.com](http://www.africanworldfestival-milwaukee.com)
Type of Organization: Festival organizer
Description: Puts on annual festival
celebrating African heritage and culture at
Henry Maier Festival Park.

Organization: African-American Artists
Beginning to Educate Americans About
African-American Art (ABEA)
Contact person: Della Wells
Contact person's position: President and
founder
Mailing address: 631 E. Hadley St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 264-5459
E-mail: wellsdella@yahoo.com
Type of Organization: Visual arts organization
Description: Consists of artists and art
supporters dedicated to cultural
enrichment by educating communities
about African-American art and artists,
promoting African-American artists and
providing opportunities for all artists to
work together for prosperity and growth.

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Organization: André Lee Ellis & Company Inc.
Contact person: André Lee Ellis
Contact person's position: Managing artistic director
Mailing address: 3519 N. 23rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53206
Phone: (414) 875-6949
E-mail: andreleeellis@msn.com
Type of Organization: Theater company
Description: Does theatrical productions, actors workshops, educational programs. Works with schools, social service organizations. Supplies actors and performers for special events.

Organization: Art in Motion School of Dance
Contact person: Deva Houston
Contact person's position: Artistic director & founder
Mailing address: 2437 N. Holton St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 916-3146
Web address: www.4artinmotion.com
Type of Organization: Dance instruction
Description: Offers classes in various styles of dance
Affiliation: Black Art in Motion Contemporary Modern Dance and Theater Company

Organization: Ayzha Fine Arts
Contact person: Cynthia Henry
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 2221 N. 48th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208
Phone: (414) 732-6773
E-mail: cynthiahenry1@earthlink.net
Web address: www.ayzhafinearts.com
Type of Organization: Fine arts business
Description: Collects and sells multicultural fine art; does special art exhibits, represents visual artists, consults on acquisition of fine art.
Affiliation: ABEA, The Diasporal Rhythms Collectors Group, Wisconsin Art Museum, MAM-African American Arts Alliance

B

Organization: Bahía
Contact person: Lorena Gueny
Contact person's position: Director
Mailing address: 3141 S. Lenox St., Milwaukee, WI 53207
Phone: (414) 482-3061
E-mail: bahiamusic@yahoo.com
Web address: www.myspace.com/bahiamke
Type of Organization: Musical group
Description: Plays Caribbean jazz, usually as a sextet

Organization: Blankit Inspirations
Contact person: Fondé Bridges
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 3854 N. 77th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222
Phone: (414) 940-2454
E-mail: 101simplesuggestions@gmail.com
Web address: www.blankitinspirations.com
Type of Organization: Inspirational firm
Description: Produces intellectual property designed to uplift, inspire and encourage everyday people. Products include books, thank-you cards, posters, CDs.

C

Organization: Cosmic Butterfly Art & Design
Contact person: Tia Richardson
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 710 W. Historic Mitchell St. Unit 212, Milwaukee, WI 53204
Phone: (414) 793-6825
E-mail: tia@cosmic-butterfly.com
Web address: www.cosmic-butterfly.com
Type of Organization: Art vendor
Description: Sells artistic works and services of Tia Richardson. They include fine art, murals, wearable art, graphic design and website design.

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Organization: Creative Dreams
Contact person: Jeanette Wright-Claus
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: P.O. Box 090224,
Milwaukee, WI 53209
Phone: (414) 527-7798
E-mail: jwcreativedreams@wi.rr.com
Web address:

www.myspace.com/jwcreative_dreams

Type of Organization: Art sales
Description: Sells art work.
Affiliation: ABEA, Thee Art Guild

D

Organization: DR.B AND THE D.J.'S OF B-BOY PRODUCTIONS
Contact person: THE MIDWEST MIXER DR.B
Contact person's position: CEO, performer and booking agent
Mailing address: 544 E. Ogden Ave. Suite 700-355, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Phone: (414) 273-0861; (414) 277-0861 Ext. 3 (24-hour party-information line)
E-mail: DRBMIXES@aol.com
Web address: www.B-BOYPRODUCTIONS.com

Type of Organization: DeeJay, party host/ emcee entertainment company
Description: Supplies deejays for events ranging from weddings and parties to stadium concerts. Does music for all cultures. Deejays in various styles, including hip hop, old school and R&B. Conducts deejay lessons. Consults on setting up club music and staging musical events. Rents deejay equipment.

E

Organization: Exclusive Lighting Gallery
Contact person: Ronald Lockhart
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: P.O. Box 18785, Milwaukee, WI 53218
Phone: (414) 745-7276
E-mail: lightdoctor1@att.net

Web address:

www.exclusivelightinggallery.com

Type of Organization: Lighting design business

Description: Practices the art of lighting. Designs exclusive lighting for businesses and homes.

H

Organization: Hansberry-Sands Theater Company
Contact person: Dianne Hawkins
Contact person's position: Executive director
Mailing address: P.O. Box 511367, Milwaukee, WI 53203
Phone: (414) 616 - PLAY (7529)
Web address: www.hansberrysands.org
Type of Organization: Acting company
Description: Puts on plays with African-American themes.

Organization: Hmong American Women's Association
Contact person: Matt Nelson
Contact person's position: Director
Mailing address: 2414 W Vliet St, Milwaukee, WI 53205
Phone: (414) 342-0858
Type of Organization: Cultural center
Description: Serves as a gathering place for Hmong to create arts and crafts.

J

Organization: Juneteenth Day Celebration
Contact person: Adriane Griffin
Contact person's position: Coordinator
Mailing address: 2460 N. 4th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 372-3770
E-mail: agriffin@northcotthouse.org
Type of Organization: Festival sponsor
Description: Puts on annual street festival on June 19 to commemorate the day slaves got their freedom.

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K

Organization: Kairo Communications
Contact person: Geraud Blanks
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1859, Milwaukee,
WI 53201
Phone: (414) 899-1378
E-mail: info@kairocom.com
Web address: www.kairocom.com
Type of Organization: Entertainment
marketing business
Description: Plans and markets events.

Organization: Ko Thi Dance Company
Contact person: Ferne Caulker
Contact person's position: Founder and
artistic/executive director
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1093, Milwaukee,
WI 53201
Phone: (414) 273-0676
E-mail: kkothi@aol.com
Web address: www.ko-thi.org
Type of Organization: Dance company
Description: Preserves and performs the
dance and music rooted in African-
American and Caribbean cultures. Tours
nationally and internationally. Runs year-
round classes in dance and drumming for
children and adults, a children's performing
ensemble and an educational outreach
program.

L

Organization: Latino Arts, Inc
Contact person: Walter Sava
Contact person's position: Executive director
Mailing address: 1028 S. 9th St., Milwaukee,
WI 53202
Phone: (414) 384-3100
Fax: (414) 649-2844
E-mail: wsava@ucc.org
Web address: www.latinoarts.org
Type of Organization: Sponsor of arts
programs

Description: Provides and promotes Hispanic
programming in the arts. Programs range
from Hispanic visual and performing arts
series to folkloric dance classes, music
classes, and more.

M

Organization: Mecca Cocktail Lounge
Contact person: Dasha Kelley
Contact person's position: Co-owner
Mailing address: 3801 W. Hampton Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI 53209
Phone: (414) 462-4747
Type of Organization: Night club
Description: Holds poetry slams and spoken
word sessions.

Organization: Mexican Fiesta
Contact person: Claudia Ramierz
Contact person's position: Marketing director
Mailing address: 1220 W. Windlake Ave,
Milwaukee, WI 53215
Phone: (414) 383-7066
E-mail: fiesta@mexicanfiesta.org
Web address: www.mexicanfiesta.org
Type of Organization: Sponsor of annual
festival
Description: Brings the sound, culture and
taste of Mexico to Henry Maier Festival
Park on Milwaukee's lakefront

Organization: Milwaukee High School of the
Arts
Contact person: Barry Applewhite
Contact person's position: Assistant principal
in charge
Mailing address: 2300 W Highland Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI 53233
Phone: (414) 934-7000
Fax: (414) 934-7015
E-mail: 038@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us
Web address:
www.milwaukeehighschoolofthearts.org
Type of Organization: High school

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Milwaukee High School of the Arts – from previous page

Description: Is a citywide public school that focuses on the creative arts.

Affiliation: Milwaukee Public Schools

N

Organization: Next Level Musik

Contact person: Carlton Thompson Jr.

Contact person's position: Owner

Mailing address: 4221 W. Fairmount Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Phone: (414) 807-2319

E-mail: ctjr@nextlevelmusik.com

Web address: www.nextlevelmusik.com

Type of Organization: Music production company

Description: Arranges, produces and records music

O

Organization: 1 Mic Many Voices

Contact person: Raquel (Queli) Maldonado

Contact person's position: Founder/CEO

Mailing address: 3515 W. Townsend St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53216

Phone: (877) 242-5293 (24BLAZE) Ext. 109

E-mail: 1micmanyvoice.org@gmail.com

Web address: www.1micmanyvoices.org

Type of Organization: Musical organization

Description: Brings the entertainment community together against violence in Milwaukee. Sponsors a web site and walks and concerts to promote peace.

Organization: Orquesta Veneno

Contact person: Sergio Poventud

Contact person's position: Founder, leader

Mailing address: 1027 W. Washington Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Phone: (414) 384-2796

E-mail: Sergio@orquestaveneno.com

Web address: www.orquestaveneno.com;
www.myspace.com/sergioveneno

Type of Organization: Musical group

Description: Is a 13-piece band; plays merengue and salsa music.

P

Organization: Pangaea

Contact person: Carl Storniolo

Contact person's position: Leader

Mailing address: 3624 S. Quincy Avenue,
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Phone: (414) 482-9492

Type of Organization: Musical group

Description: Is a steel band, plays Caribbean music. Can vary from duo to sextet.

S

Organization: Show Latino

Contact person: José A. Cardenas

Contact person's position: Manager

Mailing address: 1527 W. Mineral St,
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Phone: (414) 647-2515

Fax: (414) 383-3016

E-mail: mariachiWI@aol.com

Web address: www.mariachiinwi.com

Type of Organization: Musical group

Description: Supplies a mariachi band -- a trio, quartet or septet -- for birthdays, festivals, school events, etc. Musicians wear big sombreros and play authentic mariachi instruments.

Organization: Soche Milwaukee

Contact person: Archie Brown

Contact person's position: Owner

Mailing address: 2213 N. Martin Luther King
Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53208

Phone: (414) 265-5950

Fax: (414) 266-5951

Web address: www.sochemilwaukee.com

Type of Organization: Night club

Description: Features live jazz, R&B and spoken word.

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Organization: Still Waters Collective
Contact person: Dasha Kelly
Contact person's position: Founder and director
Mailing address: 300 W. Walnut St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 228-7554
E-mail: dasha@stillwaterscollective.com
Web address: www.stillwaterscollective.com
Type of Organization: Statewide network for writers and spoken word artists
Description: Provides support to members and delivers programming to schools and organizations.

T

Organization: The Cultural Connection Bookstore
Contact person: Linda F. Jackson
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 3424 W. Villard Ave. ,
Milwaukee, WI 53209
Phone: (414) 461-6160, (800) 462-6160
E-mail: ccbs020108@yahoo.com
Type of Organization: Book store
Description: Sells books focused on the African-American community. Hosts book signings. Plans to host book readings for children.

Organization: The Gift of Art
Contact person: Marlon Loving
Contact person's position: owner
Mailing address: 6329 N. 84th St., Milwaukee,
WI 53225
Phone: (414) 419-0988
E-mail: thegiftofart@yahoo.com
Web address: www.yessy.com/thegiftofart
Type of Organization: Art sales business
Description: Does commissioned work, murals, portraits, personalized t-shirts.

Organization: The High Point Fund
Contact person: Venora McKinney
Contact person's position: Coordinator and co-founder

Mailing address: 1717 W. Green Tree Rd.
#207, Glendale, WI 53209
Phone: (414) 352-7259
E-mail: mcknet@aol.com
Type of Organization: Arts fund
Description: Supports African American performing arts.

Organization: The Horsemen
Contact person: Manuel Lopez
Contact person's position: Director
Mailing address: 713 S. 4th St., Milwaukee,
WI 53204
Phone: (414) 383-5607
Type of Organization: Musical group
Description: Specializes in Mexican country western music and Latin American folk music. Has programs for young people from kindergarten through college.

Organization: The Reader's Choice
Contact person: Carla Allison
Contact person's position: Owner
Mailing address: 1950 N Martin Luther King Drive,
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: (414) 265-2003
Fax: (414) 449-9476
Type of Organization: Book store
Description: Sells books focused on the African-American community. Hosts writer talks.

Organization: Thee Art Guild
Contact person: James Dallas
Contact person's position: Member
Mailing address: 2463 N. Palmer St. ,
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Phone: (414) 264-2049
E-mail: panel@theartguild.com
Web address: www.theartguild.com
Type of Organization: Organization of experienced artists
Description: Strives to create venues for established and emerging artists to exhibit works and encourages personal growth and provides community with artistic experience.

U

Organization: Urban Sol Inc
Contact person: Damion Thompson
Contact person's position: Owner, general manager
Mailing address: 5874 N. 69th St., Milwaukee, WI 53218
Phone: (414) 839-5902
E-mail: supa_blak@yahoo.com
Web address: www.urbansol.us
Type of Organization: Music production; fashion design
Description: Arranges music, produces shows. Has clothing line, gives fashion advice.

Organization: UWM Community Media Project
Contact person: Portia Cobb
Contact person's position: Director
Mailing address: Mitchell Hall 371, UWM, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201
Phone: (414) 229-293, (414) 229-6015
E-mail: communitymediaproject@gmail.com
Web address: www.communitymediaproject.blogspot.com
Type of Organization: University outreach
Description: Brings cutting edge film and video from the scattered African Diaspora to Milwaukee; offers free film screenings and production workshops for teachers and young producers in underserved areas.
