

# ILLUSTRATIVE



PRESENTS

**EMPOWER: A SOCIAL  
JUSTICE EXHIBITION  
CELEBRATING BLACK  
HISTORY**

A moving exhibition celebrating Black History & Culture in America.

## THE EXHIBITION

Real superheroes rose from being enslaved and stripped of their names, family and civil rights. Through it all, Black leaders, artists and writers have emerged to shape the character and identity of a nation. This exhibit tells their story. Illustrative Voices is proud to celebrate Black History & Culture in America.

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# ITINERARY

**Wednesday, February, 2021**

**16:00-17:00**

16:00 – Welcome & Opening Remarks.

16:10 – Meet the Artists.

16:50 – Closing Remarks.

Empowering artists to visually express narratives of social justice

# EMPOWER: A PERSPECTIVE

BY ILLUSTRATIVE VOICES

**“MY AIM IS TO EXPRESS IN A NATURAL WAY WHAT I FEEL, WHAT IS IN ME, BOTH RHYTHMICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, ALL THAT WHICH IN TIME HAS BEEN SAVED UP IN MY FAMILY OF PRIMITIVENESS AND TRADITION, AND WHICH IS NOW CONCENTRATED IN ME.”**  
**- WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON**

William Henry Johnson was a African American modern artist who was determined to paint “his own people”.

He celebrated African American culture and imagery in the urban settings. Johnson aimed to illustrate the richness of the African culture and the modernism of the Harlem Renaissance.

Black history month is a time to celebrate black culture. It is also a time to call attention to the lack of representation in the framing of American history. If you do not learn about the journey of Black people, you will not understand American history.

These contributing artists celebrate Black History month with an empowering visual narrative that concentrates on black experiences and contributions to everyday society.

# EXHIBITING ARTISTS

SPOTLIGHT

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMAZING AND TALENTED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SHARING THEIR VISUAL NARRATIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF EMPOWERMENT.

## Exhibiting Artist

Bart Cooper

Clarence James

Kellyn Scheel

DiaMontana

Oronde Kairi

Troy Davis

Michael Granville



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