

HENRY L. JONES

ARTIST STATEMENT

Henry L. Jones is an award-winning African American artist, performance artist, writer, activist and playwright. As a child he had the intense habit of staring at people and objects. His grandmother, who was a portrait artist, noticed his curious trance. She'd ask him what he was looking at. He told her what he saw within objects. She then taught him how to delve deeper into what he saw and reach them. Then he began to look at images in his head to later draw and then paint. Jones, after many years, still uses this technique to create vibrant and colorful images in his work. Jones is a Chicago transplant who finds inspiration in how forces shape the world. His work tends to focus on cultural and social issues with messages of hope and redemption. He sees those forces everywhere from the strong bonds within a family to the dynamics with a city resulting in violence. His ultimate goal is to tap into that final healing force of redemption and a message of hope. Raised in Detroit, Michigan he saw gang fights and fought to stay out of them. Now a soldier armed with colors he paints the streets teaching children and adults there is another path. Jones developed a unique approach to unlock his creativity, which years ago he described as "The Gib" approach. By *Gibbing* he could unleash a wealth of expression. Soon he found that painting without brushes was more enjoyable due to the texture and feeling of paint to apply on the canvases. This resulted in more interesting and colorful pieces. Now, he's on a journey to apply *Gib* more to painting sculpture. Jones' vibrant, colorful artwork reveals windows into many worlds. This artist has received a lot of media exposure and achieved many arts opportunities by sharing his expression. Whether via art and literature, he stays busy working as artist, writer and author. Jones is a self-taught artist who's successfully become a viable part of the arts community. Currently, he's creating artwork for future exhibitions, completing several books, and working on a film.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Laskey Gallery**, Scarritt-Bennett Center, "One Song for Three Journeys." Nashville, TN.
- 2018 Tennessee State University**, Avon Williams Library Gallery "We Flow to Know." Nashville, TN.
Global Education Center, "Pulling from Within." Nashville, TN.
Janice Mason Art Museum, "Full of Precious Dreams." Cadiz, Kentucky.
- 2016 Gordon Jewish Community Center**, Janet Levine Gallery, "Like a River, Our Freedom Struggles." Nashville, TN
- 2015 Scarritt-Bennett Center**, Gallery F, "Freedom Echoes: Three Views of Freedom." Nashville, TN.
- 2014 Vanderbilt University**, Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cult. Center, "Diasporic Dreams: Black Struggles in America." Nashville, TN.
- 2005 Madison Art Center**, "Painting Live" (Legislative Plaza & Jubilee Circle on Fisk University's campus). Nashville, TN.
- 2000 Austin Peay State University**, Felix Woodward Library, "Gib Art: The Paintings of Henry L. Jones." Clarksville, TN.
- 1999 University of Illinois**, Af Am. Cult. Ctr, "Urban Cotton: Paintings & Interactive Links." Art with robotic & sensory interactions. Chicago, IL.
- 1998 Fisk University**, Carl Van Vechten Fine Art Gallery, "Mixed Notions: The Recent Paintings of Henry L. Jones." Sponsored by BLACKSIDE, Inc., Cheekwood Museum, Fisk General Alumni Assn., Parthenon Links, Inc., Nashville Fisk Club, and N4ART. Nashville, TN.
- 1996 University of Illinois**, Af. Am. Cul. Ctr, "Living on the Edge." Chicago, IL.
North Park University. Af Am. Cul. Ctr, "Mother of Creation." Chicago, IL.
- 1995 Sulzer Regional Library**, "Libations II: It's About Freedom." Chicago, IL.
- 1994 Northeastern University**, Center for Inner City Studies, "BAACH to Afrika." Chicago, IL.
Woodson Regional Library, Vivian Harsh Collection, "Libations: Paintings by Henry L. Jones." Chicago, IL.
- 1993 Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building**. Sponsors: Internal Revenue Service/Dept. of Treasury. "Abstract Entities." Chicago, IL.
Woodson Regional Library, Vivian Harsh Collection, "Dream Work of an Abstract Mind." Chicago, IL.
- 1992 University of Illinois**, Af Am. Cul. Ctr, "Reclaiming Rituals." Chicago, IL.

DUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Parthenon Museum**, Kindred Links: Omari Booker and Henry L. Jones. Nashville, TN.
- 2018 Monthaven Arts & Cultural Center**, "By the Fire: Heart, Home, and Heritage" (with Helen LaFrance). Hendersonville, TN.
- 1999 Volunteer State Community College**, "A Tale of Two Artists" (with

Carlton Wilkinson). Gallatin, TN.

1991 In the Gallery, "New Art" (with Keisha Gardner). Nashville, TN.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Zeitgeist Art Gallery**. In the Gallery. Nashville, TN.
- 2020 Leonides Arts New York**, "We the People." With projections in NY and NJ New York City, NY.
Union Square, "We the People." With projects in NY and NJ. Union Square Wall. NYC, NY.
- 2019 Middle TN State University**, Todd Gallery, "Conversations-Untold Stories." Murfreesboro, TN.
Tennessee State University, Hiram Van Gordan Gallery, "Nashville Visionaries." Nashville, TN.
Centennial Art Center. "InterACTIVE" Juried. Nashville, TN.
Fisk University, Van Vechten Fine Art Gallery, "Artist-in-Residence & Alumni" Spring Arts Festival. Nashville, TN.
Craig Brabson Gallery, "Art Crawl." Nashville, TN.
- 2018 Vanderbilt University**, The Curb Center. "Who am I?" Nashville, TN
OZ Arts Center. "MusiCircus Festival" Nashville, TN.
Bradley Academy Museum. "ROOTS." Juried. Murfreesboro, TN.
- 2016 Fisk University**, Carl Van Vechten Fine Art Gallery, Alumni & Faculty Art Exhibit. Nashville, TN.
Monthaven Gallery. "Men of Winter." Hendersonville, TN.
- 2012 National League American Pen Women**. "Fine Art & Photography Show." Hendersonville, TN.
- 2011 Fifth Annual Fall into Art**. Hendersonville, TN
- 2006 In the Gallery**, "A Gathering of Artists, Lovers & Friends. Nashville, TN
Bowling Green Int'l Festival, "The Mask Show." Bowling Green, KY.
- 2005 Monthaven Gallery**, "Monthaven Art Society." Hendersonville, TN.
Madison Art Center, "The Scream Show." Madison, TN.
Madison Art Center, "Plein Aire." Madison, TN.
- 2003 Japanese Friendship Center**, "Black Art and Culture." Toyko, Japan
- 2001 Atlanta International Museum**, "Visions and Voices." Atlanta, GA.
Monthaven Mansion, "Monthaven Art Society." Hendersonville, TN.
- 1999 Tennessee State University**, Hiram Van Gordan Gallery, "UNITY." Nashville, TN.
- 1998 Tennessee State University**, Hiram Van Gordan Gallery, "From Africa to America." Nashville, TN.
In the Gallery, "Diverse City" Nashville, TN.
Zeitgeist Gallery, "The Elephant Show." Nashville, TN.
In the Gallery, "Artrageous." Nashville, TN.
The Downtown Presbyterian Church, "DIG." Nashville, TN.
South Shore Cultural Center, "100 Hands." Chicago, IL.
- 1997 Tennessee State Museum**, "Visions of My People." Nashville, TN.
Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University Fine Art Gallery, "N4ART." Nashville, TN.
Peter Jones Gallery, "Artists of Rogers Park." Chicago, IL.
- 1996 Museum of Science & Industry**, "Black Creativity." Chicago, IL.

- 1995** **Liz Long Gallery**, "Walls and Bridges." Chicago, IL.
1993 **Liz Long Gallery**, "Artists' Self-Portrait Show." Chicago, IL.
1993 **South Shore Cultural Center**, "Shoot for the Moon." Chicago, IL.
BAGIT Gallery, "If I Had a Hammer." Chicago, IL.
1992 **South Shore Bank**, "Images of Seven Black Men." Chicago, IL.
1992 **Metro Arts Commission Center**, "Artists with Attitude. Nashville, TN
Scarritt-Bennett Center, "Movin' the Dream." Nashville, TN.
1991 **South Side Community Art Center**, "27th Art Auction." Chicago, IL.
1991 **South Side Community Art Center**, "Christmas/Kwanzaa Show." Chicago, IL.
1990 **In the Gallery**, "Impressions of the Sixties." Nashville, TN.

MURALS

- 2022** **Peace Mural.** To begin in spring
2021 **Poetry Mural. *Flower Lady.*** Hendersonville Public Library.
2018 ***Becoming Stronger.*** Girls, Inc. Activity Center. Atlanta, GA.
2006 ***Mosaic Tile Wonder.*** (Assisted). Memorial Park. Hendersonville, TN.
2003 ***He's Got the Whole World*** (Teen) Faith is the Victory. Nashville, TN.
2002 ***A Life of Fun.*** (Assisted). Jack Anderson Elem. Hendersonville, TN.
1998 ***The Family.*** Martha O'Bryan Center/Casey Homes. Nashville, TN.
1997 ***Heritage, Hope, Glory: Rise & Shine.*** (Choir Loft) South Shore Bible Baptist Church. Chicago, IL.
1995 ***Creating Life.*** Zaire Unlimited Cultural Center. Kankakee, IL.
1994 ***The Passion.*** Hartford Avenue Biblical Institute. Detroit, MI.

STAGE DESIGNS FOR PLAYS

- 2019** **Set Design.** *New World Spirituals.* HPAC. Hendersonville, TN.
2018 **Set Design.** *Another Day, Another Dollar.* Gallatin High School. Hendersonville. TN.
2012 **Set Construction & Painting.** *To Kill A Mockingbird.* The Steeple Players Theater Co.. Hendersonville, TN.
Set Design & Art. *The Color of My Eyes.* Neke's Theater Co. Chicago, IL.
2003-05 **Set Design & Art. *Kemet Jubilee Celebration.*** Nashville, TN.
2004 **Set Design & Art. *Kemet Jubilee Celebration.*** Memphis, TN.
Puppet Theater Room Design. Son Burst Room. Faith is the Victory Church. Nashville, TN.
2003 **Set Construction & Painting assist.** *The Homecoming.* The Steeple Players Theater Company. Hendersonville, TN.
2001 **Set Design.** *Mudman Born from Tears.* Kijiji Cafe. Nashville, TN.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION & HONORS

- 2022** ***Nashville Scene Magazine.*** Selected as Best Exhibit Pick, "Kindred Links." exhibit. Nashville, TN.
2021 **Inaugural Poet Laureate,** Hendersonville, TN.
Poet-in-Residence, Hendersonville Public Library
2019 **People's Choice Award.** Centennial Art Center. "InterACTIVE

- Exhibit." Nashville, TN.
- Art Wire Fellow** (Writing). The Porch Writers Collective and OZ Arts Nashville. Nashville, TN. (2019-2020)
- 2016 GANSPA Award**, Mixed media. 1st TN (state) & National. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Art Teacher. THRIVE Grant, Nashville Arts Commission.** "Art at Meharry" Art Teacher. (First art therapy type program started at Meharry) Elam Psychiatric Center, Meharry Medical College. Nashville, TN.
- 2013 Honorable Mention**, National League American Pen Women Nashville Branch, Fine Art Contest, Hendersonville, TN.
- 2009 Southern Artistry.** Nominated and accepted. Nashville, TN.
- 2005 Medal of Honor in the Arts**, Kemet Jubilee of Memphis & Kemet Jubilee Nashville Chapter. Nashville, TN.
- 2001 City of Memphis Honorary Resolution**, Kemet Jubilee of Memphis. **Artist Alternative.** "Fest de Ville." TN State Museum. Nashville, TN. **Nashville Scene Magazine, 8 Days Top Picks.** "The Mud Man: Evolution/Born from Tears." Monologue play with art, drama, and sound effects.
- 2000 Selected Visual Artist Fellow. Nashville Symphony Orchestra.** National Endowment for the Arts Program. *Tennessee at the Millennium, A Bend in the River.* Year long program to teach art at schools and satellite areas. Nashville, TN. 1999-2000.
- 1999 Visiting Artist Visiting Artist Program.** University of IL. African American Cultural Center. Exhibited art in gallery and lecturer at university. Chicago, IL.
- 1998 Featured Artist & Exhibit, Nashville Harlem Renaissance Tour.** Exhibit: "Mixed Notions" Carl Van Vechten Fine Art Gallery. Sponsors: Blackside, Inc., Cheekwood Museum, & N4ART. Nashville, TN. **Honorable Mention**, Museum of Science & Industry. Chicago, IL. **Selected Top Picks Artwork**, News Citysearch Nashville, TN. **Arts Spotlight.** *The Tennessean.* "Mixed Notions" exhibit at Van Vechten Art Gallery. Nashville, TN.
- 1996 Visiting Artist** Visiting Artist Program. University of IL., African American Cultural Ctr. Exhibited art in gallery and lecturer at university. Chicago, IL.
- 1994/95 Artist-in-Residence**, Zaire Unlimited Cultural Center. Illinois Arts Council. United Way. Arts program for high-risk youth. Kankakee, TN.
- 1995 Outstanding Artist Award**, Zaire Unlimited Cultural Center, Kankakee, IL.
- 1992 Visiting Artist** Visiting Artist Program. University of IL. African American Cultural Ctr. Exhibited art in gallery and lecturer at university. Chicago, IL.

BOOKS BY HENRY L. JONES

Black Skillet Blues: Poetry without Cornbread. (In progress)

Run into Blackness: Feeling My Poetic Gumbo, Pneuma Publishing International, Inc. 2010.

R.O.C. the World: How to Make a Difference. Wander Powell and Henry

Jones. ROC Media. 2009.

Houses of God (Gospel Music CD), House of Blues Music Company/Platinum Entertainment, Various artists: Stevie Wonder, Cece Winans, The Temptations, Cissy Houston, LA Mass Choir & Calvin Bernard Rhone, Andre' Crouch, Michael Brooks & the Nation and others. 1996.

Scott Joplin: Letters of Correspondence. Special Collections Library. Fisk University. Nashville, TN 1987.

Tell Me No Lies. Self-published chapbook. Amenta Publishing. Chicago, IL. 1992.

SELECTED BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2021** **Cover Art**, "King without a Crown" (cover) *Willow Review Journal*
 Featured Poetry. **SINEW: 10 Years of Poetry in the Brew** (anthology). April Gloaming Publishing.
- 2020** **Featured Art**, "My Footsteps: Lost & Found." *Beyond Words Magazine*. December Issue.
 Featured Art, "Rising Together." *Beyond Words International Journal*. November Issue.
- 2019** **Featured Art**, (24 Images of Artwork) *The Rockvale Review*. Issue 5.
 Featured Art, "Painting Awaiting Birth Rebirth Connections," *Dream Geographies Project*. Nashville, TN.
- 2010** **Book Cover.** *Run into Blackness: Feeling My Poetic Gumbo*. Pneuma Publishing Int. Pittsburgh, PA
- 2009** **Book Cover.** *Ghetto of Eden: The Poetic Battle between Humanity and Hip Hop*. Pneuma Publishing Int., Pittsburgh, PA
- 2019** **Featured Poetry.** *FREEDOM PAPERS Anthology*. Amy Jackson, Ed., Flatrock Open-mic. Nashville, TN.
- 2005** **Featured Poetry**, *Coming Home: A Retrospect*. Parthenon Museum Press Nashville, TN.
 Featured Art, "Streetlights Reveal the Truth" in *Visions of My People*, Lisa Hester, Editor. Tennessee State Museum. National Endowment for the Arts and Tennessee Arts Commission sponsors. Nashville, TN 1996
- 1995** **Editor**, *African American Ideas on How to Paint Your Fantasies on Canvas with Oil* by Charles Jones. CCJ Publishers. Chicago, IL.
- 1994** **Literary Researcher**, *King of Ragtime: Scott Joplin & His Era* by Edward Berlin. Oxford University Press. 1994

IN THE MEDIA

RADIO

National Public Radio. "Nashville Artist Pieces Together His Memories and the Rubble of a Historic Home in New Parthenon Exhibit." Paige Pflieger. Oct. 29, 2021. WPLN 103-FM. Nashville, TN. 2021.

Your Turn with Sherre Bishop. "George Floyd Incident," Sherre Bishop, Host. WENO 760-AM. Nashville, TN. May 18, 2019.

Your Turn with Sherre Bishop. "Ahmaud Arbery Incident." Sherre Bishop, Host. WENO 760-AM. Nashville, TN. May 28, 2019.

National Public Radio, Sounds Good - "Interview of Henry L. Jones Artist."
Austin Carter, Host. WKMS-91.3 FM. Kadiz, KY. Feb. 2, 2018.

RAW. "Henry L. Jones, Featured Poet" Michael Diallo McLendon and Trisha Alicia.
760-AM. Nashville, TN. Jan 10, 2017.

Inside Out Learning Show. "Henry L. Jones' Artist" H. Louise "Sparkle" Searles,
Host. WFSK-FM. Nashville, TN. 2000

TV AND VIDEO

Talk of the Town, Tuwanda Coleman Host. "Africa Is" African Street Festival art
exhibit. CBS News, (WTVF-TV) Ch. 5, Nashville, TN. Sept. 21, 2018.

Talk of the Town, Tuwanda Coleman Host. "Freedom Echoes" art exhibit. CBS
News, (WTVF-TV) Ch. 5, Nashville, TN. March 15, 2014.

NBC News Coverage. Jennifer Johnson, anchor. "Movements to Freedom" NBC
News (WSMV-TV) Ch. 4. Nashville, TN. Feb. 13, 2014.

Fox News (WZTV-TV) Citysearch, Susan Knowles. "Art & Museums: Top
Picks: 'Mixed Notions'." (Featured Artist). WZTV-FOX Nashville,
<http://citysearch.com> Nov/Dec 1998.

Fox News (WZTV-TV) Citysearch, Arts & Galleries Top Picks. (Featured Art).
"N4Art Exhibit at Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery." Nashville, TN. 1997.

CBS News (WBBM-TV) Ch2., 6pm seg. "100 Hands". (Featured artist) Chicago, IL
1998.

The Meter Report. (Interviewed) Tennessee State University News Service. Ch.
19. Nashville, TN. 1998.

Video. "Nashville Harlem Renaissance Tour." Interview. Produced by Cheekwood
Museum. Featured Artist. 1998.

PRINT MEDIA

Nashville Pride Newspaper. "New Abstract Art by Henry L. Jones at Scarritt
Bennett Center." Cass Teagus. Dec. 30, 2021. Nashville, TN.

Tennessee Tribune. "Nashville Artist Pieces Together His Memories and the
Rubble of a Historic Home in New Parthenon Exhibit." Paige Pflieger. Nov.
21, 2021.

Nashville Scene Magazine. "National Black Poetry Day Festival." Erica
Ciccarone. Oct 17, 2021. Nashville, TN.

Nashville Scene Magazine. "Watch Black Voices Matter: Poems of Protest."
Erica Ciccarone. July 17, 2020. Nashville, TN.

Hendersonville Standard. "Jones named Hendersonville's first poet laureate."
Tena Lee. March 11, 2021.

Nashville Pride Newspaper. "Centennial Art Center's Summer
exhibit InterACTIVE invites exploration." Cass Teagus. June 20,
2019. Nashville, TN.

The Tennessee Tribune. "Local Artist Has Exhibit on 'Struggles & Freedom.'"
Janice Malone. Jan. 21-27, 2016. Nashville, TN. p. 18.

The Tennessean. "Artist Salutes King's Vision." Tena Lee. Jan. 19, 2014. p. 1M.

Hendersonville Life Magazine. (Cover Story) "Henry Jones Art Conveys Life,
Love." Wander Powell. April 2014. pp. 18-19.

Nashville Pride Newspaper. "Nashville on Stage: 'To Kill a Mockingbird' civil rights classic opens at Steeple Players Theatre." Bill Dorian. April 6, 2012. Nashville, TN.

Pen & Prosper. "Black History Tribute, The Poetry of Henry Jones." Feb. 29, 2012. <http://penandprosper.blogspot.com/2012/02/black-history-month-tribute-poetry.html>

The Tennessee Tribune. "Annual Book Festival Blends the Written Word with the Spoken Word." Janice Malone. Oct. 14-20, 2010. Nashville, TN.

Pen & Prosper. "April is National Poetry Month!" Jennifer Brown-Banks. April 1, 2010. <http://penandprosper.blogspot.com/2010/04/april-is-national-poetry-month.html>

The Tennessee Tribune. "Present the Gift of Reading." Janice Malone. Dec. 24-30, 2009. Nashville, TN.

The Tennessee Tribune. "The Poet Speaks." Harriette Bias-Insignares, PhD. April 2009. Nashville, TN.

Nashville Pride Newspaper. "April brings poets, patrons together to celebrate National Poetry Month." Harriette Bias-Insignares. April 2009. Nashville, TN.

ARTERI Magazine, "An Interview with Artist/Author Mr. Henry L. Jones." [Translated in Greek and English] Evelyn Cogdell. Issue 11, 2009. Greece.

The Tennessee Tribune. "Local Author/Artist Creates a 'Poetic Gumbo'." Janice Malone. Sept. 10-16, 2009. Nashville, TN. p. 7A & 10A.

The Daily Journal. "Creative Camp." Debra McDowell. July 29, 2008. Murfreesboro, TN. p. D5.

USA Today Sunday Magazine/The Tennessean. "Jones learned his craft from his grandmother". April 8, 2007. Nashville, TN.

The Hendersonville Star News, "Ellis Middle Students study Poetry." Tena Lee. March 2, 2007. Hendersonville, TN. p. 15.

Hendersonville Star News. My Two Cents: "Education about others should come from observance of Black History Month." Op-Ed. Cheryl Tatum. Feb. 18, 2005. Hendersonville, TN. p. A6.

Hendersonville Star News. "Hendersonville Man Relates Black History through the Arts." Tena Lee. Feb. 16, 2005. Hendersonville, TN. pp. 1A and 3A.

Hendersonville Star News. "Poet Sharing 'Inner Satisfaction' Through Work." Tena Lee. May 28, 2004. Hendersonville, TN. pp. 1A and 2A.

The City Paper. "Henry Jones: Coffee Was his Wake-Up to Change Careers" (City Confidential). Susan Passi-Klaus. July 25, 2002. Nashville, TN. p. 34.

Nashville Scene Magazine. "Morality Play" Martin Brady. May 3, 2001. Nashville, TN. p.43. **Nashville Scene Magazine.** "8 Day Top Picks: The Mud Man Evolution/Born from Tears." May 3, 2001. Nashville, TN. p.54.

Atlanta Journal Constitution. "Disparate Visions of Black Community." Pamela Blume Leonard. Aug. 4, 2000. Atlanta, GA.

Atlanta Daily World. "'Visions' Explores America's African Ties." Nikki Roberts. July 20, 2000. Atlanta, GA. p. Q1.

The Leaf Chronicle. "Artist Displays Emotion's Color." Brian Dunn. Feb. 7, 2000. Clarksville, TN.

Beatlick News. "Live for Art." Pamela Hirst. Issue 47. 1999. Nashville, TN. p.1.

The Tennessean, ARTS SPOTLIGHT: "Henry Jones Takes 'Notions' to Fisk" Alan

Bostick. Nov. 15, 1998. Nashville, TN. p.8K

The Tennessean "Onward and Upward." Alan Bostick. May 24, 1998. Nashville, TN. pp. 1K and 6K.

VIBE Magazine. "N4Art Features Spirited Works." Julie Landry. Dec. 1997. New York, NY.

Vanderbilt Registry. "Fine Arts Gallery features African American Arts Association Members." Nov. 11-16, 1997. Nashville, TN.

Chicago Reader. "Gallery Spotlight" Painting: *Too Early, Too Late*. July 11, 1997. Chicago, IL.

Chicago Quarterly Review. "Featured Artist: Henry L. Jones" Spring 1997. Evanston, IL.

Chicago Magazine. "Healing Hands." Rosalind Cummings-Yeates. Mar. 1996. Chicago, IL. p. 20.

Asahi Evening News. "Asia's new voice against racial prejudice." Patrick Markey. Feb. 18, 1996. Tokyo, Japan. p. 1.

Hyde Park Citizen. "Henry Jones: Painter, Poet, Expressionist." Corey Hall. May 25 - 28, 1995. Chicago, IL. p.8.

Chicago Reader. Featured: "Child of the Diaspora." Jan. 6, 1995. Chicago, IL.

Afrique Magazine. "Is this the Year Caribbean Carnival Takes Chicago?" Feb. 1994. Chicago, IL. p. 25.

News Line. SIU Medical School. "Jones Exhibits Paintings." Fall, 1993. Carbondale, IL.

Detroit Free Press. "Lithographs by Henry L. Jones" July 2, 1993. Detroit, MI. p. 39.

The Chicago Defender. "Fiskite Presents 'Reclaiming Rituals.'" Ada M. Phillips. Sept. 19, 1992. Chicago, IL. p. 21.

The Chicago Flame. "Reclaiming Rituals Exhibit." Francisco Arcaute. Sept. 8, 1992. Chicago, IL. p. 3.

Nashville Business Journal. "Art Explores, celebrates African American Experience." Angela Wibking. July 22-26, 1991. Nashville, TN. p. 14

The Tennessean. "New Art, Ethnic Style." Alan Bostick. July 11, 1991. Nashville, TN.

SELECTED ART LECTURING AND TEACHING

2018 Frist Art Museum. Visiting Poet. Art Appreciation for exhibit, "Chaos & Awe" Nashville, TN.

2018 Tennessee State University.

2014 Vanderbilt University, Visiting Poet. Af. Am. Cul. Ctr. Nashville, TN.

2003 Lecturer, Oasis Center, "Life of a Creative Person." Nashville, TN.

2000 Austin Peay State University, Visiting Artist, Af. Am. Cul. Ctr.
"Connecting with Past, Reaching for the Future. Clarksville, TN.

1999 University of Illinois, Visiting Artist. "Interactive Links." Chicago, IL.

1998 Nashville Harlem Renaissance Tour. Selected Featured Artist "Mixed Notions." Sponsors: Cheekwood Museum, N4ART, Fisk University, Exhibit Lecture, "Mixed Notions" Nashville, TN. 1998

- 1996 University of Illinois**, Visiting Artist Program. "Living on the Edge as an Artist." Chicago, IL.
- 1994 Ancient Egyptian Museum.** "Inspired by Ancients." Chicago, IL.
- 1992 University of Illinois**, Visiting Artist Program. "Reclaiming Lost Rituals" Chicago, IL.
- 1998 Fisk University.** Visiting Artist, Art classes & Core Classes, Nashville, TN.
- 1995 East-West College**, Black Expression. Student Center. Chicago, IL.

CONFERENCES & FESTIVALS

- Panelist. Book**, *Run into Blackness: Feeling My Poetic Gumbo*. "Southern Festival of Books" Author Panel & Studio 615. Nashville, TN: 2010
- Panelist. Presented Paper:** "Black to the Future." 30th Popular Culture Assn. and 22nd American Culture Assn. New Orleans, LA. April 19-22, 2000
- Panelist. Paper:** "Black to Afrika: Dealing with Black on Black Violence." Center for Inner City Studies. Northwestern University. Chicago, IL. 1996
- Panelist. Presentation.** "Activism on College Campuses." National Conference of Christians & Jews. Fisk University. Nashville, TN. 1986

EDUCATION

Fisk University, Nashville, TN. BA, Biology 1986