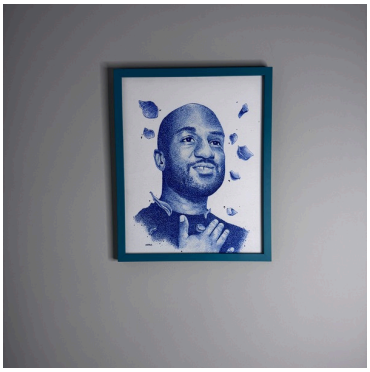
Ed Watkins:

Father/Artist/Educator/ Mr. Watkins has inspired so many people that I know personally to pursue their passion albeit art or other avenues. He has guided the path of youth, and some adults of the Flint community for decades. A staple of this community and true inspiration indeed.



Virgil Abloh:

Creative Designer/ Entrepreneur/ One of, if not THE greatest creatives of this generation. From working with Ye to his own brand “Off White” to his collaborations with Nike, to becoming the first African American to lead a global design house (Gucci). Need I say more.

Pauly M. Everett:

Artist/Muralist/ ALL ART ALL DAY. And he ain’t lying. My art brother from another from our days at MCC. Watched him go from Flint to Detroit to Mexico to Greece! His passion and dedication to his craft is second to none and truly an inspiration to me as an artist. His body of work is incredible and truly amazing.

Amina Smith:

Writer/Author/Future Psychologist/ My niece but literally the daughter I never had...from enduring the untimely passing of her mother to navigating this "social" world we live in. Amina has become the recipient of the prestigious "Jesse Jackson" scholarship award (3) times over along with her soon to be Bachelor's degree from THE University of Michigan (Go Blue lol) to writing her own column for "A Middle Point of View" for her Flintside community. The strongest person I know. LOVE you Amina!

Rick Williams:

From the creation of "Burn Rubber" to a very "Distinct Life" this couple have been a staple of the Detroit community for years. From family, art, and design, to community building culture and engagement, they ALWAYS stand up for Detroit.

Hebru Brantley:

Artist World renowned for his iconic "Flyboy" and "Flygirl" characters. One of the greatest artist of this generation in my opinion.

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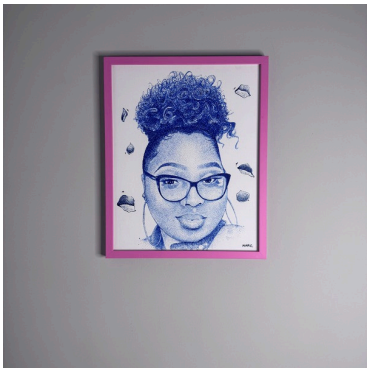
Fat Nwigwe:

Singer/Songwriters/Artist- Multi talented, world renowned for their amazing music, style, and MoMINTs showcasing their strong family bond.



Rochelle Matiere-Bey:

Digital Creator/Home Decor Influencer/ Crafting her own lane of Home Decor influence and custom crafted drinks, Rochelle's attention to detail is incredible. Her LOVE, support and encouragement for me and my craft have been an integral part of this journey.
I Love you Chelle Bey.

Phillip Simpson:

Fine Artist/ Muralist/Husband/ Owner of SMILE brand. Love the way he holds down his family and community, with his art and a smile.

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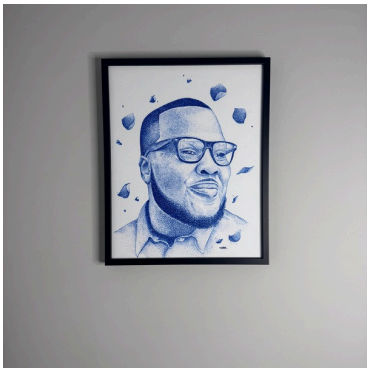
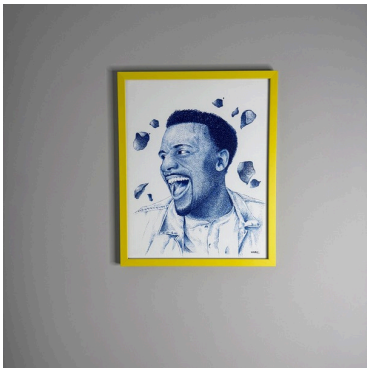


Oaklin Mixon:

Entrepreneur/ Founder of GoodBoy Clothing Brand which was a staple of the Flint, MI community before his untimely passing during the COVID-19 pandemic. His love for creating and fostering community will forever be remembered.



David A. Arnold:

Comedian/ His Netflix special “It Ain’t for the Weak” truly hit home for me. I watched it over and over during the Covid-19 pandemic. His honesty, and most importantly, his STORYTELLING compelled me to pay homage to him. “You take the life lessons, pull them through, and leave the bullshit behind”.-David Arnold. He unfortunately passed away in 2022. May he rest in power.

Tina Moreland:

My Mom-What can I say that I haven’t said so many times over. Whenever I need an ear you lend it… whenever I call, you answer. You’ve supported me through tough times, and been a ROCK when times were super heavy for you. I can’t thank you enough for ALWAYS showing up for me, My biggest fan. I Love you Mom.

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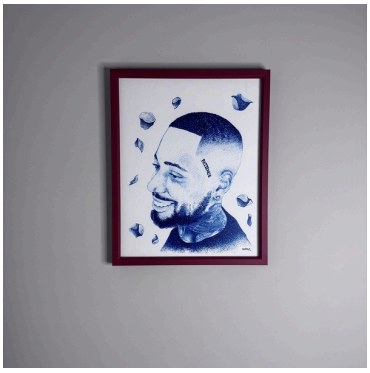

Oshun Williams:

Artist/ His artwork has become sought after all while curating some of THE best art shows in Detroit.

Tobe Nwigwe:

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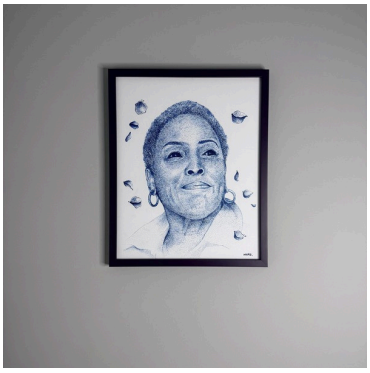

Judy Bowman:

Artist. Detroit born collage artist. Living proof that age doesn’t define your art and “Dreams don’t have an expiration date”.

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Sgt. Joe Levelston:

My BROTHER from another. We've literally known each other since I was born... Staff Sergeant Joe Levelston gave 16 yrs of his life in service of our country and I know he would give his life for me. Love you Big Bro.

Str8nochasa:

Designer/Artist/Lifestyle Aficionado/ Crafting her own lane of fashion and lifestyle influence. She hustles hard for her family. Period.

CJ Hendry:

Artist-world renown for her hyper realistic drawings and amazing immersive installations,

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BJ:

My Son/ To My little BIG man. Dad truly loves your innocence and prays for your safety in this world as your grow. I truly hope you realize the amazing potential inside you one day. Dad Loves You.

Seydehwon:

Brand/Artist. Visionary brand founded by Seydehwon Nagbe. A unique blend of art and fashion. The result, “the one who exceeded all expectation.”

Dom Lemonious:

Artist/Owner of Push Gallery (formerly known as the Liquor Basket on Gratiot) in Detroit, MI. Pioneering what art spaces look like and can be. (Curate the Culture).

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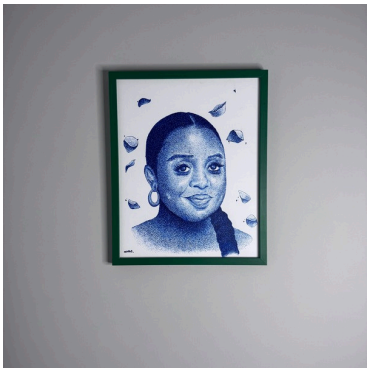
JC.Ro:

Artist. Creates amazing spray paint works of art and murals using the triangle shape as his primary method. Masterful. Triangle Shit.



Quinta Bronson:

Creator/Producer/Actress- from the “oh he got money girl” to the Creator of the Emmy award winning television show Abbott Elementary.

Brittany Mitchell:

Mother/Artist/LifeCoach/Author-one of very best friends for over 15+ yrs. From pulling me through Graphic Design classes at Mott Community College to her unwavering support in crafting my vision. If I had an idea, she’s gonna figure out how to make it happen, my Creative Consultant for LIFE.

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Harold Green:

Artist/Award Winning Author/Executive Director of “Flowers for the Living” Foundation) Commands the room when he speaks, truly a Master of his Craft.

Sheefy McFly:

Artist/Legendary Detroiter/Rapper/Muralist/ DJ/Everything-multifaceted artist as you can see. His Picasso-esque painting style as well as his musical talents have become infamous world wide. Once Arrested for painting a mural he was “commissioned” for, to selling out $100 pop ups, to selling out museums. “Ya feel me”-Sheefy.

Yolanda Williams:

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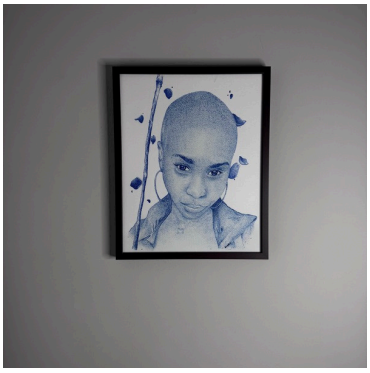
Curren$y:

Father/One of the GREAT underrated MCs of rap. Created his own brand “Jet Life” and continues to add to his enormous catalog while sustaining unprecedented longevity after stints at No Limit and Cash Money Records.

Nate Spratt:

Artist/Mentor



Bre’ann White:

Artist/The capturing of the massive estate of “Rick Ross” the Boss himself, drew me to the work. She Encapsulates life through a lens so beautiful in a way that I can’t even describe.

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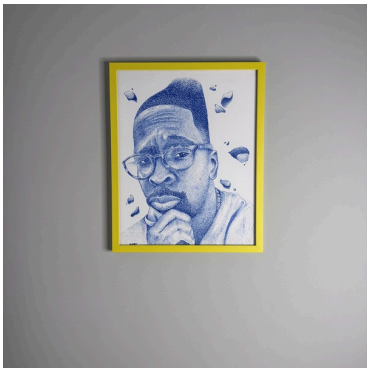
Jamierson:

Founder/Creative Director of Leader Quality/Host/Personality/ Model- As you can see a man a many hats. Watched him go from the Footlocker at the Genesee Valley Mall to a GLOBAL success. His work ethic, personality, creativity and overall passion for EVERYTHING he does is second to none.

Mario Moore:

Artist/Lecturer/Time Traveler/ I must say, when looking at the art of Mario Moore, you would think he was a lot older than expected. His beautiful oil paintings give you a window into our history and culture while pushing the arts into the future.



Dr. Fahamu Pecou:

Artist/Curator/Founder of ADAMATL/Ph.d with a paintbrush. The way he encapsulates the black diaspora while mostly using “himself” as the muse is truly a wonder to behold. “Fahamu Pecou is the shit”-Dr. Fahamu Pecou.

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CarLos Conner:

Father/Entrepreneur/ (Bedrock Management/ Bedrock Clothing brand) ALWAYS reminds me of how dope “I”am. Encourages me and gives me positive energy every time we interact.

Mama SOL:

Mother/MC/motivational speaker/writer/owner of SOLsection; one of the greatest MCs EVER, regardless of gender.

Kellen “K.B” Brandon:

Father/Author/Publisher (Brandon Publishing) My friend of over 25 yrs. We’ve laughed, cried, had some disagreements along the way as families do. We created memories on the road and in this brotherhood that will last a LIFETIME. Blessed to call you my bro.

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Aaron Mosley “Mos”:

Artist/DJ/ A cultivator of the culture. My fam since my days at Flint Northwestern High School (you shoulda been lol), Aaron has and always will be about the arts, from music to movies, fashion and fine art. Encourages me often to keep that fire burning for what I Love to do. One of my biggest supporters, my brother always.

John Dempsey:

Artist/painter of contemporary landscapes. My first art class instructor and mentor. Taught me to just “dive in” to the work.

Tony Whgln:

Artist/Designer-His work can be found on Album covers, Billboards, Somerset Mall, and ALL across Detroit. A true whooligan for the “arts”.

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YesterdayNight:

Artist Grammy nominated artist with multi-faceted abstracted illustrative style. Nominated for his cover work on Mac Millers “Ballonsrism”. He paints the news, EVERYDAY.

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