DETROIT-BASED CONTEMPORARY ARTIST JIDE AJE OPENS NEW SHOW AT BROWN AND JUANITA C. FORD ART GALLERY AT WCCCD NORTHWEST CAMPUS

The Grand Heritage | Paintings and Collages on View Through December 15, 2023

DETROIT, Mich. – September 21, 2023: A new exhibit featuring the innovative contemporary works of Detroit-based artist Jide Aje is on view through December 15, 2023, at the Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery at Wayne County Community College District’s Northwest Campus. The Campus is located at 8200 West Outer Drive in Detroit.

Titled, “The Grand Heritage | Paintings and Collages,” the new exhibit features contemporary paintings and multimedia works with Aje’s hallmark bold color palettes and both traditional and contemporary iconography. Aje was educated in Nigeria and the U.S. The ancient symbols of the Akan, Dogon and Yoruba peoples in their traditional forms as well as the artist’s contemporary innovation on these shapes serve as a jumping-off point for his paintings and collages.
After earning a Fine Art degree from the University of Ife, Ile-Ife Nigeria, Aje relocated to the U.S. to pursue a career in creative design. His work has been shown locally and nationally with the National Conference of Artists (Michigan Chapter), the Detroit Artists Market, Detroit Fiber Works, 2739 Edwin, the Charles H Wright Museum of African American Art and History, and the HATCH Gallery. He captured a first-place award at the Anton Art Center, Mount Clemens, and last year won a Gold Medal at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Currently, he is completing an art residency at the MAB, locally in Detroit. His art is admired for the usage of color, texture, and symbolism in his paintings. He works out of a co-op studio space in Southwest Detroit, Michigan.

This exhibit is presented in partnership with WCCCD’s School of Continuing Education and is open to the public at no cost Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, please email artgallery@wcccd.edu or call 313-496-2704.

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