

Her Mark: 27th Anniversary Gala Honoring Sapphire & Crystals

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Live Music by Shanta Nurullah's Sitarsys
Appetizers & Desserts
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Woman Made Gallery's vision is to ensure the equal placement of women's art in the world.

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Woman Made Gallery (WMG) supports, cultivates and promotes the diverse contributions of women in the arts through exhibitions and programs that serve, educate and enrich the community.

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Welcome to Her Mark: WMG's 27th Anniversary Gala

We thank our Board and Advisors, Staff, Interns and Volunteers, Jurors, Artists, and Poets, Grantors, Donors, Contributors, and our Visitors for 27 Years of Support!

Woman Made Gallery (WMG) supports, cultivates and promotes the diverse contributions of women in the arts through exhibitions and programs that serve, educate and enrich the community.

WMG offers stimulating and educational programs with a focus on women artists, performers and writers who share an interest in the interaction of the arts in contemporary culture. WMG welcomes the involvement of people of all gender expressions and orientations as artists and participants, members and supporters.

Gala Program

6:30 pm - Gala Begins: Meet and Greet
Music by Shanta Nurullah's Sitarsys
6:30 - 8:40 pm Silent Auction Tables Open
7:20 pm - Welcome Address
Marcia Grubb, Board President
Deb Flagel, Executive Director
7:30 pm - Honoring Sapphire & Crystals
8:40 pm - Silent Auction Closes
8:55 pm - Raffle Winners Announced
9:00 pm - Check-Out Begins
9:30 pm - Gala Ends. Thank you!



We are grateful to our sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, contributing artists, and businesses, and to all who have donated their talent, time and resources to Woman Made Gallery.

Special Thanks

Thank you to Cali Bergold for Co-Chairing WMG's 27th Anniversary Gala. Thanks to Erin Waser for the design of WMG's Gala invites and to Susan Mazzeri for the design of the Gala Program. We are grateful for sound provisions by Elliot Dicks and Mark Bell from Consortium, and to Shanta Nurullah's Sitarsys for musical entertainment. Thank you George von Huene for Check-in and Check-out expertise and to Kathy Bergold for flower arrangements. Thank you to Begyle Brewing for donating beer for our guests. Thank you Steve from LSC Lighting Design and to Gabi Dorsch and her team from Lacuna Events by IM. All contributors are acknowledged on WMG's website:

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**Dear Friends and Supporters of
Woman Made Gallery:**

It is an honor to dedicate this year's 27th Gala Celebration to Sapphire & Crystals, a collective of African American women artists in Chicago. I am reminded of Edmonia Lewis who lived from 1843 to 1909, and who has been called the first black artist to deal with themes of black oppression and aspiration in America before becoming a well-known successful sculptor at the time of the Civil War. Edmonia Lewis serves as an inspiration, showing us that despite enormous obstacles, all women artists of color have played an active, influential, and continuous role in the creation of every type of art.

Tonight we celebrate the wonderful women of Sapphire & Crystals, and all women artists for their contributions from the earliest of times to the present.

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of Woman Made Gallery, I thank you for helping to make the evening an enjoyable and successful event.

Marcia Grubb
Board President

Woman Made Gallery's Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thank you to our Executive Director, Deb Flagel as well as Woman Made's staff, interns and volunteers whose hard work and dedication play an invaluable role in the daily effort to fulfill WMG's mission.

Dear Friends,

As Woman Made Gallery's Executive Director, I am so happy to welcome you to this evening's festivities. This year's Her Mark 27th Anniversary Gala is a vibrant celebration of our past, present and future. Since 1992, WMG has made its mark by filling an important cultural and artistic role in support of female artists everywhere. We are honored to have exhibited the work of more than 8,000 women, and look forward to many more years in service of this noble cause.

Tonight, we are thrilled to honor Sapphire & Crystals and applaud their 32-year history of art making in our wonderful City of Chicago. Initially conceived in 1987, this strong and influential women's art collective continues to thrive, making new marks into the future. We are especially thankful that they are included in Woman Made's exhibition history.

The art world still has a long way to go to ensure women are equally represented in galleries and museums. The journey to equality would be much more difficult without organizations like Woman Made Gallery and Sapphire & Crystals.

WMG is proud of its accomplishments spanning 27 years of operation and is truly grateful for the ongoing support from all of you - our wonderful community of artists, supporters, donors, volunteers, art lovers and friends. Thank you for the part you play as you invest and partner with us to chart new paths and visions for WMG's future.

Enjoy your evening surrounded by beautiful art, music and good conversations!

Deb Flagel
Executive Director

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Thanks to the musical entertainment by Shanta Nurullah's Sitarisys with sitarist Shanta Nurrullah, bassist Harrison Bankhead, clarinetist/pianist Angel Bat Dawid, vocalists Zahra Baker and Keewa Nurullah, guitarist Alex Wing, and drummer Lenny Marsh. Shanta Nurullah's Sitarisys brings together western and eastern instruments played by a stellar group of creative musicians. Since its inception in December 2015, Sitarisys has performed in the Chicago area at Elastic Arts, the Chicago Jazz String Summit, and the Evanston World Arts and Music Festival. Shanta's signature sitar style elicits the stomps, moans, and rhythms of blues and jazz, as well as the lyrical, dreamlike sounds most often associated with this East Indian instrument.

See Shanta's website: shantastoryteller.com

Testimonial

"I have visited WMG from the start. Well, almost. I went to their very first location on the NW side, only to find it closed that day. I did manage to visit all the other locations, frequently. Prairie Avenue, Bloomingdale, Milwaukee Avenue and, its current location on Canalport. I have been a member since it was located on Bloomingdale. I have exhibited and read and my poems there, and have had my poetry published in their annual appointment books (now discontinued). A couple of pieces of my art have been exhibited at WMG. One recently sold. I have volunteered for many years to mail out announcements. Had an article about Off The Street Club in their newsletter (also, now defunct). Computers ease the paperwork now. Was a greeter and table volunteer at their annual fundraising events for many years, What I'm trying to say is 'I Love Woman Made Gallery' and have for all of its years. The exhibits are humorous, serious, sarcastic, colorful, creative and just outstanding. WMG deserves my loyalty. Come see what it's all about. Come to an exhibit and/or poetry reading. It's for all people to see, just not women. WMG needs your support." -Sheila A. Donovan

WMG Honors Sapphire & Crystals



Collage Image of Sapphire & Crystals by Rose Blouin

Sapphire & Crystals is a collective of African American women artists in Chicago. Conceived initially by Marva Lee Pitchford Jolly and Felicia Grant Preston, the idea that women artists of African descent produce their own shows resulted in the collective's first exhibition at the historic South Side Community Art Center (SSCAC) in 1987. Throughout its history, Sapphire & Crystals has held exhibitions at many venues within the city and beyond including ARC Gallery, Artemisia Gallery, Carson Pirie Scott Vergie Buxton Gallery, Wood Street Gallery, Nicole Gallery, Bagit Gallery, Satori Fine Art, Union Street Gallery, South Shore Cultural Center Fine Art Gallery, Woman Made Gallery, and Noyes Cultural Art Center. The individual work by each member addressing various themes such as race and gender, limited palettes, and honoring their pasts, exemplifies the diversity within the group.

Current active Sapphire & Crystals members include Rose Blouin, Juarez Hawkins, Candace Hunter, Malika Jackson, Renee Williams Jefferson, Makeba Kedem-DuBose, Joyce Owens, Felicia Grant Preston, Patricia Stewart, Dorian Sylvain, Shirley J. Sullivan, Pearlie Taylor, Arlene Turner-Crawford, Rhonda Wheatley, Shahar Caren Weaver and Shyvette Williams.

Members over the years include Dorothy Carter, Joanne Scott, Malika Jackson, Trish Williams, Cheryl Toles, Nicole Malcolm, Janet Sheard, Stephanie Bird, Lillian Morgan-Lewis, Carol James, Akosua Bandele, Evelyn Davis-Frazier, Simone Bouyer, Faith Davis, Debra Dilworth, Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Monica Plott Ratcliff, Annie Lee, Dorothy Perry, Beverly Warner, and Patricia Bohannon.

Members who have passed away and are held in memory are Marva Lee Pitchford Jolly, Venus Blue, Renee Townsend and Anna M. Tyler.

The Sapphire & Crystals collective was featured in the "Black Metropolis" segment of the series Art & Design in Chicago which aired locally on WTTW (October, 2018). Members were also featured on the arts site Sixty Inches From Center in "The Vessels that Marva Made: An Interview with Members of Sapphire & Crystals," Dec. 2018.

In 2018 a Sapphire & Crystals Retrospective was on display at the South Side Community Art Center.



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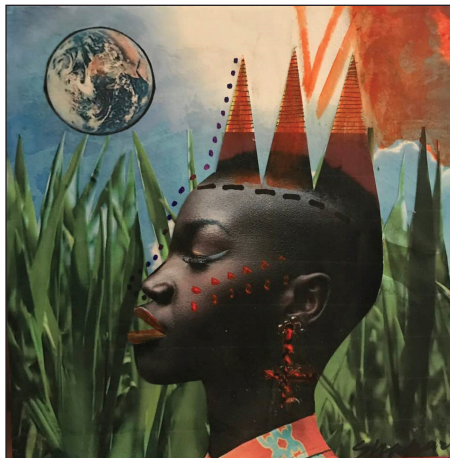
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Artwork by Shahar Caren Weaver



Artwork by Rosalie Koldan

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- April 5 – 27, 2019: Abstractly Speaking | Juror: Melanee Cooper
- May 18 – June 8, 2019: Ain't I a Woman, Ain't I a Human? | Reception: May 18, 6-8 pm
- June 2, 2019 | Poetry Event: Unquiet Mind | 2-4 pm
- June 28 – July 20, 2019: Dear Earth | Reception: June 28, 6-8 pm
- July 14, 2019 | Poetry Event: The Elements | 2-4 pm
- August 9 – 31, 2019: 22nd International Open | Reception: August 9, 6-8 pm
- August 18, 2019 | Poetry Event: Poets from the FLOW Group | 2-4 pm
- Sept. 20 – Oct. 19, 2019: Her Seat at the Table | Reception: Sept. 20, 6-8 pm
- September 22, 2019 | Poetry Event: Consumption | 2-4 pm
- Nov. 1 – 23, 2019: Truth as Contested Concept | Reception: Nov. 1, 6-8 pm
- November 10, 2019 | Poetry Event: Truth and Distortion | 2-4 pm
- Dec. 7 – 15, 2019: Small Works Members Show | Open House Reception: Dec. 8, 1-4 pm



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