

Media Contact: jennifer@capkids.org 904.281.5599 x20

Jennifer Clements

The Reverend Kimberly L. Hyatt

Heather Moore Chair Elect Beth Jennison

President & CEO

Immediate Past Chair Janet D. Owen

Vice Chair The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

Secretary Charles V. Hedrick

Treasurer Scott Wooten

Board of Directors Teri D. Amthor Kristine Cherek Randle P. DeFoor Victoria Ferber Alan Fickling Carol Fisher Carol J. Foley Frances Jabbour Kate Jolley Marty S. Kern Robyn Kreimborg Mark R. LaBorde Anne Lesser Lufrano, Ph.D. Teena Manners Charlie Margiotta Marisa Martire Tracy Mcdougal Karen Montana Peter O'Brien John R. Ragsdale Henry Q. Rinne, Ph.D. Rachel Roberts John-Paul Saenz Lisa Sanzone Dr. Veronica Scott-Fulton Cinda Sherman Darnell Smith Judith Travis Tresca Louis Weimer Roger Williams David Wingard

Advisory Council David Engdahl, Chair The Right Rev. & Mrs. Frank S. Cerveny Jerry Chappell Susan Greene Preston Haskell Linda Stein Delores Barr Weaver Jim Winston

"Photobooth" an exhibition by Erin Kendrick opens at **Cathedral Arts Project community gallery**

Please join the Cathedral Arts Project for the opening reception of *Photobooth*, an exhibition by local artist Erin Kendrick, on Thursday, August 9. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Heather Moore Community Gallery in the CAP offices, at 207 N. Laura Street, Suite 300, in Downtown Jacksonville. The event is free and open to the public.

Erin Kendrick is an emerging artist and local arts educator from Jacksonville whose color-rich, acrylic ink-stained works of art seek to inspire a dialogue about contemporary spectatorship and the power of language as it relates to perceptions of and about black women. Recently, with a renewed drive for art making and a new body of work, she returned to exhibiting artwork in 2016.

Photobooth seeks to explore how black women are reclaiming and renaming their blackness. According to the artist's statement, "Branded blackness has been exploited and marketed in popular culture – this shift is profitable and continues to be touted as innovative, while giving little to no credit to its origins. The way we wear our blackness is more than just the caricature-like mimicking often seen in mainstream culture. We are paying homage to our history and distinctive styles and characteristics. In many ways, we are resurrecting our authentic selves."

The opening reception will include an interactive photobooth, as well as a panel discussion – Representation Matters: Branded Blackness – featuring several prominent black women from the Jacksonville community. Moderated by Shawana Brooks, Arts & Culture Developer for the Jacksonville Public Library, the panel will include Erin Kendrick; Dr. JeffriAnne Wilder, Social Scientist, National Center for Women & Information Technology; and local media personality Henny Stewart.

The exhibition will run through Thursday, October 11, 2018. The community gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Heather Moore Community Gallery enriches the quality of life in Northeast Florida by providing a unique venue for emerging and established artists to exhibit original works of art. The purpose of the gallery is to nurture individual artistic expression, encourage the exchange of ideas and inspire a lifelong commitment to the arts. Exhibitions, related events and programs enrich the cultural footprint of our community by engaging the arts and educational communities, cultural organizations, and diverse audiences along the First Coast.

###



The **Cathedral Arts Project** is the leading nonprofit provider of quality, comprehensive and ongoing instruction in the visual and performing arts for elementary and middle school students in Duval County. The driving force behind all CAP programs is the belief that the arts matter – they provide essential skills, like creative thinking, perseverance, teamwork and self-discipline, that benefit all people in all areas of their lives.

Too often, certain populations of students do not have access to an arts-rich education because of limited access and resources in their schools, communities or homes. Yet these are the students for which the arts can have the strongest and longest-lasting impacts. CAP needs your support to accomplish its vision for every child in Northeast Florida to have access to a well-rounded, arts-rich education that endows his or her spirit with the imagination, self-confidence and strength of character that inspires great leadership and a will to succeed. Learn more at <u>capkids.org</u>.