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**RIVAA proudly presents its Annual Black History Month Exhibition,
"Cultural Preservation"**

ROOSEVELT ISLAND – (February 5, 2019) The Roosevelt Island Visual Arts Association (RIVAA), in partnership with the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC), will host its Annual Black History Month Exhibition, “Cultural Preservation”, starting this Saturday, February 9th through Sunday, March 3rd.

Curated by Island resident Lorraine Williams, this eclectic showing of art includes a variety of mediums, styles, and messages and includes works from artists Andrew Nichols, Aziza, Bianca Dorsey, Ida Owens, LeVar “Var” Lawrence, Mauricio “Gleams” Baez, Micheline Hess, Mona Coichy Haigler, N. Steven Harris, Sandra Lamb, as well as art and artifacts from Nigeria and Madagascar.

Join us for the opening reception this Saturday, February 9th from 5-8 PM at Gallery RIVAA (527 Main St.). Featuring music and spoken word performances from The RI Jazz Collaborative with Lynn Beville, and a special reading by David Lamb and children from the Roosevelt Island Youth Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Gallery RIVAA hours for the exhibition are Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 – 9 PM, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 AM – 5 PM.

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The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) was created in 1984 by the State of New York as a public benefit corporation with a mission to plan, design, develop, operate, and maintain Roosevelt Island. With a focus on innovative and environmentally friendly solutions, RIOCI is committed to providing services that enhance the island's residential community. RIOCI manages the two-mile long island's roads, parks, buildings, a sports facility, and public transportation, including the iconic aerial tramway. Additionally, RIOCI operates a Public Safety Department that helps maintain a safe and secure environment for residents, employees, business owners, and visitors. For more info visit www.rioc.ny.gov.

The Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association (RIVAA) is a non-profit organization comprised of an internationally diverse group of artists. RIVAA opened the first gallery on Roosevelt Island in March 2002 and is dedicated to elevating the quality of life in the community through art, music, poetry, dance, events and workshops, with the mission to make Roosevelt Island, the “Island of Art.” For more info visit www.rivaa.com.