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ROOTS OF NCA

National Conference of Artists

Founded in 1959, the National Conference of Artists (NCA) is the oldest African American visual arts organization in continuous operation in the United States. The NCA chapters are in various cities in the US including Detroit, Chicago, Washington DC, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Los Angeles. The New York Chapter formed in 1973 and our current organizational structure, National Conference of Artists New York, Inc. formed in 2005.

NCA Co-founders

Co-founders of NCA include Chicago-based artist Bernard Goss, Marion Perkins, Robert Jones, and the distinguished artist and educator, Dr. Margaret Burroughs who also founded Chicago's DuSable Museum of African American History. During the 18th of the twenty-nine Atlanta University Art Annuals initiated by Hale Woodruff in 1942, exhibiting artists convened a conference in the interest of promoting, developing, and preserving African American culture. Inaugurated as National Conference of Negro Artists, the group later became the National Conference of Artists.




NCA Members

Our members' art is included in major national and international museums, galleries, and institutions. NCA members have been a part of the major art movements in the US since WPA-Works Progress Administration (1935) New Deal Art, during the Great Depression. NCA members have been a part of the public voice, design, and planning of the African Burial Ground Memorial in New York City. Our distinguished member, artist Dr. Lorenzo Pace designed the 60 foot 300-ton black granite sculpture, "Triumph of the Human Spirit Memorial" in front of the courthouse in New York City's Foley Square. Another of the many noteworthy public artworks by an NCA member is the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. Dr. Edward Jackson, a member of our national board, was the Chief Architect and chair of the design committee.

Membership

NCA New York's membership is not limited to the visual arts. We embrace all artists including writers, poets, singers, dancers, musicians, performing artists, architects, and wearable art designers. NCANY is an artist collective that also includes educators, art collectors, and supporters who just love art. NCANY is frequently called upon to teach and inspire our youth and the New York Community.



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