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**A COLLECTION OF  
ARTWORK BY  
JAMES PRESTON**

# "ANTIQUITY"

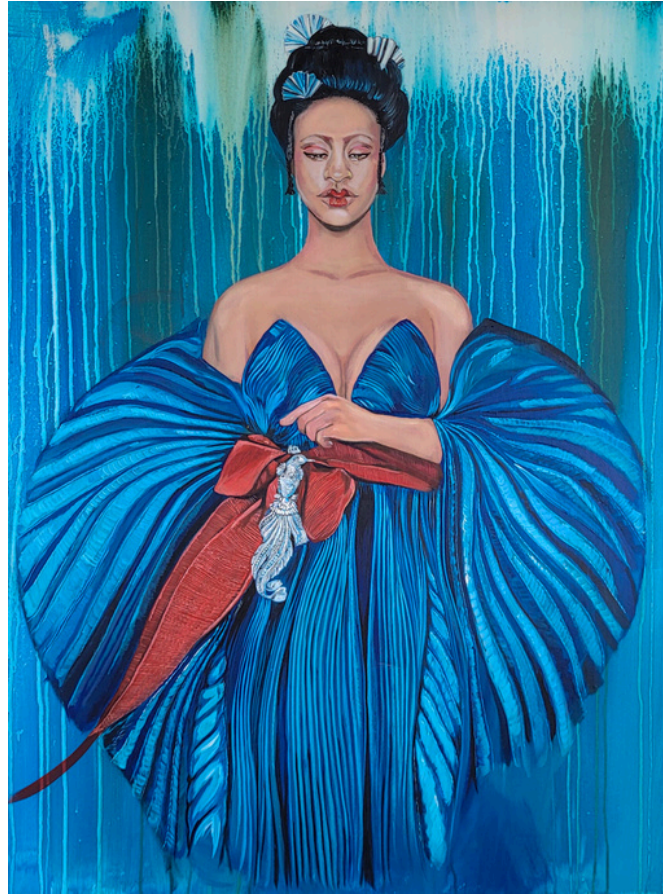
48" X 48"

Acrylic on Canvas



I'm really  
looking forward  
to seeing what  
life brings to  
me.

- Rihanna



A person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist.



## **THE MUSES**

**VARIOUS SIZES**

Acrylic on Canvas

**"VENUS"**  
48" X 48"  
Acrylic on Canvas



When you want  
something bad  
enough, you  
work your butt  
off for it.

- Kelly Rowland

**"MAASAI"**  
36" X 48"  
Acrylic on Canvas





**"QUEEN OF SOUL"**

24" x 30"  
Acrylic on Canvas



**"SOUL MAN"**

24" x 30"  
Acrylic on Canvas

**SOUL  
LEGENDS**



# "SOUL REBEL"

36" X 48"

Acrylic on Canvas

The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.

- Bob Marley





**"EXALTED ONE"**

30" x 40"  
Acrylic on Canvas



**"LADY DAY"**

36" x 48"  
Acrylic on Canvas

**ICONS**



I Love the Art World  
I Love Art Galleries  
I Love what it Means  
I LOVE ART

- Nas



## HIP-HOP ROYALTY

▲  
"STILLMATIC"

24" x 30"  
Acrylic on Canvas



▲  
"BLUEPRINT"

36" x 36"  
Acrylic on Canvas



**"BLACK SWAN"**

36" x 48"  
Acrylic on Canvas



**"WHY DONT YOU  
LOVE ME?"**

30" x 40"  
Acrylic on Canvas



**RENAISSANCE**



# "HOLLYWOOD DREAMS"

18" x 24"

Acrylic on Canvas



Somehow people just like to  
look at me.

- Dorothy Dandridge



▶ **"GEISHA"**

30" x 40"  
Acrylic on Canvas

◀ **"PALENQUERA"**

30" x 40"  
Acrylic on Canvas

A modern twist on the beautiful  
women of the  
Old City of Cartagena & Kyoto.

**THIS IS THE REMIX**



# "LA CATRINA"

30" X 40"

Acrylic on Canvas



From my rotting body,  
flowers shall grow, and I am  
in them, and that is  
ETERNITY.

- Edvard Munch



# Hi...

I'm James Preston, a Baltimore, Maryland-based visual artist. Baltimore has a reputation, good or bad, for being a brash and bold city. As a painter, I've always been captivated by my city's vibrance and unwavering energy, and it's a huge source of inspiration for my work. As a portrait artist, there's something special about capturing the likeness and complexity of the human form and spirit on canvas. As a Baltimorean, my goal is to remix the narrative of what is often seen in the headlines.

What makes my art special is the infusion of inspiration from the worlds of art, music, film, etc. As a huge fan of music, it often sets the tone for my creative process. The rhythm, the lyrics, the bassline, the emotions, all find their way onto my canvas, helping me convey the essence of my subjects.

There's something even more profound driving my work, the heartbeat. My mission is to amplify the beauty of the African Diaspora. As an artist of African descent, I find immense pride in showcasing the rich diversity and history of the African diaspora through my portraits and compositions. I want to celebrate the beauty, strength, resilience and melanin of Black individuals in every stroke, wash, and stipple. I want my work to be a reminder that while impossible to quantify the contributions the African diaspora has made to the world, they deserve to be celebrated. With my art, I hope to ignite conversations about the past, present, and future of the African diaspora and how the contributions will influence a more inclusive art world.

