

A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

THIS YEAR'S BHM THEME IS

THE ARTS

The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts" spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.

SHINING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Malaika Favorite

Louisiana visual artist and writer. She is featured in a prominent mural at Disney's Magic Kingdom this year inspired by *The Princess and the Frog* as part of the new Tiana ride.



Yinka Shonibare

British-Nigerian artist. He made a name for himself with his sculptural twists on iconic paintings and staples of art history. Most of his artwork features in what is now widely regarded as traditional African cloth.



Faith Ringgold

Harlem-born multi-media artist. She has found success as a sculptor, painter, performance artist, and writer. Ringgold led protests to diversify museums decades ago, and even went to jail for an exhibition she organized.



African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world.

In celebrating the entire history of African Americans and the arts, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) puts into the national spotlight the richness of the past and present with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring. ASALH dedicates its 98th Annual Black History Theme to African Americans and the arts.