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Education

Self-taught

Kendal School of Design

Solo Exhibitions

2015 *Paul Collins Collection*, Museum of African American History Collection, University of Toledo, OH

2015 *Art for Peace and Water*, Susan Social Center, Wyoming, MI

2014 *End Slums*, MLK Exhibit Center, Chicago IL

2014 *America at Work*, Ferris State University Fine Art Gallery, Big Rapids, MI

2014 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art History, Key West, FL

2013 *Celebrating Early Phases of Inclusion*, Hope College, Holland, MI

2011 *Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad*, Baltimore Visitor Center, Baltimore, MD

2008 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL

2007 *Art Touching People*, Our Gallery, Pentwater, MI

2006 *The Art of Paul Collins*, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Akron, OH

2006 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL

2005 *Paul Collins*, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI

2004 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL

2003 *Founders of a Dream*, Simón Bolívar Museum, Havana, Cuba

2002 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL

2001 *Contributions to the History of the United States*, Garden Pier Art Center, Atlantic City, NJ

2000 *No Strings*, Millennium Festival 2000 Poster, Grand Rapids, MI

2000 *World Visions*, VanSingel Fine Arts Center, Byron Center, MI

- 2000 *Who is Key West*, Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL
- 1999 *World Visions*, Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw, MI
- 1998 *Visions*, Collegium Artisticum, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 1997 *American Portrait of Japan*, Meguro Gajoen Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 *American Portrait of Japan*, Kawara Museum, Omihachman, Japan
- 1997 *Liberty and Justice for All*, Henry Ford Museum, Detroit, MI
- 1989 *Voices of Israel*, MLK Memorial Library, Washington DC
- 1989 *Voices of Israel*, Eubie Blake Cultural Center, Baltimore, MD
- 1988 *Images of Life*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1988 *Voices of Israel*, University of Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 1988 *40th Anniversary of Israel*, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1985 *Special Olympics*, Kennedy Center, Washington DC
- 1983 *America at Work*, Department of Labor, Washington DC
- 1981 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, Dillard University art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 1980 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, California State Museum, Sacramento, CA
- 1980 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, Memphis Pink Palace Museum, Memphis, TN
- 1980 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, Lincoln Ctr., New York, NY
- 1979 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, Philadelphia Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 1976 *Great Beautiful Black Women*, Chicago Public Cultural Ctr., Chicago, IL
- 1976 *Other Voices*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 1976 *President Ford Mural*, Gerald Ford Airport, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1975 *Other Voices*, International Arts Festival, Raymond Duncan Gallery, Paris, France
- 1975 *Other Voices*, Avanti Galleries, New York, NY
- 1973 *Other Voices*, Library and Museum of Performing Arts at Lincoln Center, New York, NY
- 1974 *Black Portrait of an African Journey*, Morgan State College Gallery of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 1973 *Portrait of an African Journey*, Corcoran Gallery, Washington DC

Group Exhibitions

- 2013 *Great Kings of Africa*, Anheuser Busch, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 *The Great Chicago Fire Hydrants*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *The 1st Over Sea Railroad 100 Years*, Key West Museum of Art History, Key West, FL
- 2012 *Great Kings of Africa*, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 *Viñales*, National Museum of Fine Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 2000 *The End of an Intimate Affair*, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL
- 1996 *Great Kings of Africa*, Summer Olympics
- 1995 *Supreme Court Judge*, Dennis Archer, MI Supreme Court Bldg. Lansing, MI
- 1983 *James Earl Jones, the Actor*, Palazzo delle Manifestazioni, Parma, Italy
- 1982 *Challenger VII Space Patch*, NASA, First American Women in Space
- 1982 *Great Kings of Africa*, World's Fair, Knoxville, TN
- 1981 *Artist of Grand Rapids*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1979 *Great Kings of Africa*, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL
- 1977 *American Black Art*, Battle Creek Civic Art Center, Battle Creek, MI
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, Kirkland Gallery, Millikin University, Decatur, IL
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, Mitchell Museum, Mount Vernon, IL
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
- 1976 *The Classic Revival*, University of Minnesota Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1976 *American Painters in Paris*, Paris, France
- 1975 *The Classic Revival*, Lakeview Center for the Arts, Peoria, IL
- 1972 *Three Boys and a Boat*, Pushkin Museum, Moscow, Russia

Honors and Awards

- 2014 Paul Collins ArtPrize Award in Honor of Artist Paul Collins, ArtPrize, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2014 Celebration of Soul Award, Grand Rapids Symphony, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2014 Spirit Award, MLK Exhibit Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Lead Artist, "Great Chicago Fire Hydrants", Chicago, IL
- 2006 Congressional Record, Vol 152
- 2005 Naming of the GRCC art Gallery in Honor of Artist Paul Collins
- 2004 Best Artist, Best of Grand Rapids Magazine
- 2003 Opening Ceremony Unveiling, VIII International De Poesia De La Habana, Havana , Cuba
- 2002 Named a Michigan Treasure by the State of Michigan
- 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award, Masjid Abdul, Brooklyn, NY
- 2001 Artist of the New Millennium, One Million Prints Sold, Northwest Publishing, Orlando, FL
- 1998 Selected to be the Central Exhibit to Help Heal a Nation after Genocide, Sarajevo, Bosnia
- 1997 Giant Among Giants Award,
- 1989 Certificate of Commendation City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 1989 Honorary Citizen, Baltimore, MD
- 1984 Distinguished Award for Pioneering in the Arts, The American Black Artist, Inc.
- 1982 City of Los Angeles – National Tour of "The Voices of Israel" Exhibition Celebration Declaration
- 1981 Creator of the Presidential Commemorative Poster for the President Ford Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1981 New Orleans Key to the City, New Orleans, LA
- 1980 Selected by Coretta King to design "The Martin Luther King Jr. Medal for Non-violence for the King Center
- 1980 Selected by President Jimmy Carter to create the Presidential Fitness Mural
- 1980 Artistic Contribution to the Celebration of Black Women, The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists
- 1979 Appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the Advisory Committee on the Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- 1978 One of the Top Twenty Figurative Artists, Editor of American Artists, Watson-Guption

1978 Most Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Fine Arts Nominee

1977 Congressional Record, Vol 123

1975 Featured in the Anheuser-Busch television commercial for "Roots: The Second Generation," advertising the "Great Kings of Africa" series of paintings

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"Moon Spotlight Key West", Moon Hand Books, 2013

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“For Love of Liberty”, Vivendi Entertainment

“Time and Chance”, WGVU Productions

“Visions” Retrospective by Paul Collins, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, BBC

“Voices of Israel” Paul Collins, Sunday Morning Show, CBS

“Paul Collins in Israel”, Israeli Films Inc.

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“Paul Collins”, Larry King Show

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“Free of Eden”, Hallmark Films

“American History – Underground Railroad”, Triage Productions, History Channel

“Foundations of Courage - A Cry to Freedom”, BET

“Break Me My Bounds: - The Paul Laurence Dunbar Story”, Northern Light Production

“Kingpin”, NBC Studios

“Crossings”, Maryland Pub. Television

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Newspaper

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"Portrait of an Artist, Paul Collins"

"Images of Life, Drawings by Paul Collins"

"America at Work"

"Great Beautiful Black Women, Portraits by Paul Collins"

"Paul and the President"

"Paul Collins" JL Hudson Gallery

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"Indigenous Peoples Art Market"

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“Achieving Excellence, Harmony and Balance Conference”

“International Summer Special Olympics Games”

“LH, Works by African American Artists”

“2008 National Golden Gloves”

“Michigan Bar Journal”

“In Our Hands”

“Dejonge Studios”

“Grand Rapids Magazine Calendar”

“Butterworth Original Art Collection”

“Artists of Grand Rapids” J. Gray Sweeney - Grand Rapids Art Museum

Collections

Advanced Packaging Grand Rapids, MI,

African American Health Institute Grand Rapids, MI,

Amway Worldwide, Grand Rapids, MI

Amway China, Beijing, China

Amway China, Shanghai, China

Amway Japan, Tokyo, Japan

Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids, MI,

Anheuser-Busch, St. Louis, MO

Arthur Andersen Corporation, Grand Rapids, MI

Aviation Academy, Kentwood, MI

Barfield Company, Ypsilanti, MI

Bartech Group, Southfield, MI

Betz Foundry, Grand Rapids, MI

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Boy and Girls Club, Steil Club, Grand Rapids, MI

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Boy and Girls Club, Seidman Center, Grand Rapids, MI

Boy and Girls Club, Benton Harbor, MI

Browning Claytor, Health Clinic Grand Rapids, MI,

Cascade Engineering Grand Rapids, MI,

Charles Wright African American Museum, Detroit, MI

Chase Manhattan Bank

Cherry Street Clinic, Grand Rapids, MI,

Civil War Museum, Washington, DC

Crystal Cathedral, Orange County, CA

Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI,

Grand Rapids City Hall, Grand Rapids, MI

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids, MI

Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI

Gospel Films, Muskegon, MI

Ferris State College, Big Rapids, MI

Hope Lodge Grand Rapids, MI,

Holocaust Memorial Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Johnson Products, Chicago, IL

Johnson Publishing, Chicago, IL

Joseph P Kennedy Center, Washington, DC

Kawasaki, Grand Rapids, MI

Kent County Correctional Facility

Key West Museum of Art and History, Key West, FL

Lear Jet, Grand Rapids, MI

Martin Luther King Jr. Center, Atlanta, GA

Meijer Corporation, Walker, MI

Meijer Heart Center

Mercy Health

Metropolitan Hospital, Wyoming, MI

Michigan Veterans Facility, Grand Rapids, MI

Michcon, Detroit, MI

NASA, Washington, DC

Nigeria Capitol Building, Lagos, Nigeria

Omihachiman City Hall, Omihachiman, Japan

Paul Collins Gallery at Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI,

Pushkin Museum, Moscow, Russia

Presidential Office of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

Presidential Office of Senegal, Dakar, Senegal

Ryerson Library Foundation, Grand Rapids, MI

Saginaw Chippewa Tribe

Simon Bolivar Museum, Havana, Cuba

Skytron World Headquarters, Grand Rapids, MI

Spectrum Health - Butterworth Campus, Grand Rapids, MI

Spectrum Health – Blodgett Campus, East Grand Rapids, MI,

Special Olympics Headquarters, Washington, DC

Steelcase, Grand Rapids, MI

Superior Foods, Kentwood, MI

Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

Van Andle Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

Wege Center

White House, Washington, DC

World Vision, Federal Way, WA

Wynalda Packaging, Rockford, MI

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John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Advisory Council

Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change

Kendall School of Art and Design

Michigan Arts Council