THE BLACK PAGES

Did you know that San Diego doesn’t have a Hall of Fame that includes the significant contributions of visual and performing artists? You may know of Breitbard Hall of Fame in Petco Park that is dedicated to athletes or the San Diego Music Hall of Fame which only inducts a few artists each year — and to date, only four artists/groups honored are Black. How are future generations of San Diego-bred artists supposed to be inspired to see what is possible beyond this city if there is no archive to recognize an individual’s previous contributions to the arts? San Diego has produced some incredible talents who have inspired me to become an artist; their impact should not go unnoticed.

The Black Pages specifically honors Black artists and entertainers who are originally from or spent their formative years in San Diego, and whose voices have echoed far beyond “America’s Finest City.” The Black Pages is not an exclusive list, but a starting point— a small sampling of the Black excellence worldwide with deep roots in San Diego.

~Jeremy McQueen, Founding Artistic Director & Choeographer -- The Black Iris Project

Not pictured: Michael Jefferson - Dancer
Mallori Johnson - Actor