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PROFILE

I have long dreamed of the day when I could utilize one of my greatest attributes, which is my artistic ability. I have learned to follow my passion and that has made all the difference. It is where I excel when the opportunity presents itself. I am not defined by a specific genre but by various avenues of unique self-expression. I go against the grain and I push boundaries because I strive to change perception. Through sheer work ethic and determination I can redefine the possibilities. It is about changing and impacting the lives of others because we will never forget how someone makes us feel; I know because I live it. Shortly after graduating from the University of Florida I managed to move approximately 30 commission pieces including one for business owner and movie producer **William Shively**. That accomplishment was the beginning of what would become an amazing journey; one that would impact numerous lives as well as my own. What is listed here has been accomplished over the course of approximately four years while maintaining a full time job. It is simply an evolution sparked by passion and my journey is a testament to that.

EDUCATION

Degree	Institution	Field	Dates
Bachelor of Arts	The University of Florida	Visual Art Studies	1997-2002

JOB EXPERIENCE

Date

9/2002 - Present	<p>IBM Print Operations (Systems Ops.), Tower Hill Insurance (2002 – 2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and coordinate scheduled maintenance for printers with IBM technicians • Minor maintenance of printers • Proper training of new operators • Research and assembly of policies needed for claims or legal matters • Analyse performance of print software • Assist programmers (as needed) with modification/ set up of current/ new software (IBM 4100 Printer) • Assist Asset Management with Company Inventory and shipment of new inventory and/ or supplies <p>Asset Management (Systems Ops.), Tower Hill Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice Coding • Quotes for Software and Hardware Requests • Inventory of Hardware and product(s) research • Logging and proper disposal of old hardware • Maintain database of all company hardware including equipment warranties
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SHOWS

No	Date	Honor
1	1/2016	<p>MLK at the Graham Center Gallery , Florida International University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the 2016 MLK Celebration a special installation took place at the Graham Center Gallery depicting a history of the MLK signature art work/designs • I have been the headline artist for the past four years so my work closed out the exhibit • My latest work for the MLK Celebration was entitled Dawn of Justice and measured 3ft x 7.5 feet

2	5/2015	<p>The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine, Lake City FL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was chosen to showcase my art at the Gateway Art Gallery in my hometown of Lake City, FL. The show (which approx. 200 plus attended) was the most attended art show at the gallery with guests representing 5 different cities throughout the state. • It represented a cultural shift in the city as one of the first shows to redefine what is possible through the arts. My bold styling combined with my loyal following provided me with the opportunity to be elected as one of the chairpersons for the gallery.
3	1/2015 1/2014 1/2013	<p>MLK at the Frost Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the headline artist for Florida International University's Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, I take part in the MLK at the Frost Exhibition which showcases work from students, aspiring and professional artists.
4	2/2013	<p>FIU GC Gallery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In celebration of Black History Month and my accomplishments in the arts; I was the featured artist for the entire month of February • It was a huge project as 12 of the pieces were on loan from individuals throughout the state and abroad • Approximately 30 pieces were hung for the exhibition ranging from traditional portrait art to interpretive • I wanted the viewer to witness the evolution of my artistic style
5	10/2013/ 2012	<p>The Mammography Art Initiative FIU, Headlined Inaugural Show in 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My piece <i>Innocence</i> was used as the main headline piece for the show. • Created <i>10 original works</i> specifically for the event between the months of April and September. • The show challenged each artist to incorporate medical images (x-rays, sonograms, mammograms) into their pieces
6	4/2012	<p>The Market on 7th, The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine, Ybor City/ Tampa, Florida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the success of The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine, St. Petersburg another show was planned for Ybor City • New work was added; <i>Celebrating The Individual</i>, in order to celebrate the life and spirit of Ybor City. • There was a live band performance by local musical group Rising Down
7	9/2011	<p>The Studio@620 The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine, St. Petersburg, Florida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spent eight months in 2011 preparing for the evolution show • Created 20 pieces for the show, nine of which were 30x40 inches <p>Goal was to create bold, modern, edgy, flamboyant, emotional, empowering and ground breaking art to push boundaries, inspire, and reveal my thoughts and fears - drive to change and inspire the world through my work</p>

HONORS & AWARDS

Media & Web Stories		
No	Date	Honor
1	4/2016	UNESCO – TST – Mentioned for Lake City Florida Air Show and my contribution to the community as well as the USAF Thunderbirds with my painting To Infinity as well as for contributions to various communities throughout the state.
2	4/2016	Black History Tours – Mentioned for my headline art piece to commemorate the 2016 Lake City, FL Air Show as well as various other achievements/contributions throughout the state of Florida.
3	2/2016	Cox Media Tampa FL – Pink It Up! – as a headline artist and affiliate of Pink It Up!
4	2/2016	Angel Ministries Network 107.9 FM Lake City FL – Invited to deliver Black History Month Keynote Address on air.
5	9/2015	African Network Television (ANTV) – As a speaker and presenter for the Alachua County Public Library and UNESCO-TST event featuring Ms. Ilyasah Shabazz (daughter of Malcom X and Betty Shabazz)
6	4/2016 2/2016 1/2016 5/2015 8/2014	The Lake City Reporter – In April 2016 Featured with the United States Air Force (USAF) Thunderbirds to commemorate the return of the Lake City, FL Air Show. The Lake City Reporter – In January of 2016 I was introduced as the keynote speaker for the opening Black History Month Ceremony. In February 2016 was featured on the front page with our Mayor Stephen Witt . The event was geared towards the educating of our youth. The Lake City Reporter – The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine Art Show, hometown reception The Lake City Reporter – made the front page headlines for my achievements in the arts
7	8/2014	Tallyconnection.com as illustrator of <i>Bella Morella Super Self Wake Up</i>
8	4/2014 5/2013	Worldredeye.com (Visual Celebrity Lifestyle Journal from Miami Beach) for Congresswoman Frederica Wilson’s 2 nd and 3 rd Annual Congressional Art Competition
9	2/2013	Featured on WLRN (NPR Radio and Television) along with the Members of the Miami-Dade Public School Board as the featured artist for Black History Month
10	1/2014 1/2013 9/2012	FIU News – featured on FIU News during the Mammography Art Initiative September 2012 then for the Martin Luther King Celebration in January 2013 and January 2014

11	9/2012	Featured in the Miami Herald and on NBC Miami as the headline artist for the Mammography Art Initiative
12	2/2012	WMNF 88.5 Tampa, FL announces Pink It Up! benefit on concert calendar for an entire week leading up to the event
13	9/2011	St. Petersburg Times – The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine, St Petersburg FL Art-Taco (blogspot).com Zvents.com Creating Loafing Tampa

Honours		
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1	4/2016	<p>Headline Artist for the Lake City Florida Air Show Feat. The United States Air Force (USAF) Thunderbirds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I had the honor of working with air show directors Clint and Crista Thomas of Jammin Productions LLC to make this a reality • The piece entitled To Infinity was created to honor our Thunderbirds as well as our men and women of service. The frame for the painting was donated by Michaels to show their support. • The painting was unveiled at the opening ceremony on May 8th in front of an audience of approx. 1000 people with the help of Crista, Mayor Stephen Witt and representatives of Michelas – Mary and Scott. The main show was attended by more than 15,000 people. • The painting although a tribute to the Thunderbirds was my contribution to the Air Show and Lake City and will be displayed at various local business. • I have formed a partnership with Michaels in hopes that we may continue to impact lives through art. • I spoke with the Thunderbirds Leader/Commander Lt. Col. Christopher B. Hammond about an installing a painting at Nellis Air Force Base for the 2016 holiday season as a gift from myself, Jammin Producitons LLC, UNESCO-TST, Michaels and Lake City, FL.

4	9/2015	<p>Guest Speaker and Presenter for Ms. Ilyasah Shabazz (daughter of Malcom x and Betty Shabazz) – On behalf of UNESCO – TST, Breaking The Silence, The African American History Project and Hands of Change, Painting “A New Day” and Reproduction of “Hope” presented to Ms. Shabazz and Dr. G. W. Mingo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I presented a speech on the power of the arts to change and impact lives while encouraging the audience to find common ground and understanding in each other. • Ms. Ilyasah Shabazz (Activist, Speaker, Educator, Media Mogul) was presented with my painting “A New Day” • Dr. G. W. Mingo (past director of the University of Florida’s Upward Bound Program and President of the Gainesville chapter of the FAMU Alumni Association) – was presented with a limited reproduction of my piece “Hope” • Assisted Ms. Shabazz on a visit to Eastside High School and the University of Florida for public appearances
5	1/2015	<p>Chair of Youth Activity and Community Involvement – Gateway Art Gallery, Lake City FL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have proven the possibilities by being elected to join the Gallery’s board as one of its youngest members due to my pull on the youth sector of the community • As chair my primary responsibilities are to encourage youth involvement in the arts as well as teaching them the importance of the arts • I seek funding for youth programs in hopes that we, the board, can keep this dream alive and provide our town with arts and culture
6	10/2014	<p>As part of UNESCO-TST University of Florida (UF) Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) - Presented a framed reproduction of my piece <i>Dream, Believe, Achieve (Impacting Our Tomorrow)</i> to the family of Florida Civil Rights Leader Dr. Thomas A. Wright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme for the Symposium was From Slavery to Civil Rights: Stories of Heroes • Members of Hands of Change took part in the symposium • Portrait was presented to family of Dr. Thomas A. Wright on behalf of myself, Hands of Change and UNESCO-TST • Approx. 20 students representing Hands of Change joined me in the presentation of the portrait

9	6/2014	<p>Illustrated 1st children’s book as part of the Bella Morella series: <i>Bella Morella Super Self Wake Up</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bella Morella is a book that reflects the life and spirit of author Andrea Garris who lives in Tallahassee, Fl. • Our goal was to create a character that could teach important life lessons as well as bring a vibrant personality to the story • The book tells the story of a young girl named Bella who is determined to become home schooled due to the less than acceptable environment of public school. • The book reflects the life of the average student making it extremely relatable to parents and students alike. It teaches kids the importance of education, respect, determination, compassion, friends and family all while maintaining a great sense of humour. • The book has received great reviews from critics and the general public and was featured on tallyconnection.com
10	5/2014	<p>Featured Artist and Guest Speaker for Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway’s 4th Annual District 1 Arts Show at North Miami Senior High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District 1 Arts Show provides students with the opportunity to express themselves whether it be through dance, visual arts, poetry, or culinary arts. It teaches students to explore the world around them and celebrate the diverse culture of their community in an effort to teach them to put aside their differences; whether it be racial, religious, or sexual orientation. • As the headline artist I donated my piece “Celebrating The Individual” to the school board as it reflects the wide range of diversity which is present in Miami • Provided the students with some words of encouragement as I reflected upon the theme “What Lies Beyond”. I also provided the students with some insight into my life as an artist and the aspects of my career that inspire me.
11	5/2014	<p>Inducted into US Congresswoman Frederica Wilson’s 5,000 Role Models of Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5,000 Role Models of Excellence was created by Congresswoman Wilson in an effort to intervene in the lives of “at risk” youth, specifically young men. • This program teaches them the qualities they will need to lead more productive lives; focusing on education, responsibility and hard work • As a mentor I will be assigned to a local school within Miami to provide the students with the knowledge and guidance needed for them to excel. • I hope to, eventually, use my involvement with the 5,000 Role Models to bring about change for the youth in need throughout the state of Florida.

12	7/2013	<p>Became an affiliate and collaborator within the arts for UNESCO(United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was introduced to members of UNESCO through my friend and current member Sherry DuPree who discovered me while attending an African American Task Force meeting in Miami, FL • As an affiliate and collaborator I will utilize my artistic and public speaking skills to promote and bring about awareness to those issues which need to be addressed within our community • My organization, Hands of Change, will join forces with other youth organizations to bring about change throughout the community on a larger scale under the guidance of Mrs. DuPree, Helen Colley and myself
13	5/2015 4/2014 5/2013	<p>Served as Featured artist and Guest Speaker for Congresswoman Frederica Wilson’s 4th Annual 2015 District 24 Congressional Art Competition, Art Show and Awards Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a mentor under the guidance of US Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and primary speaker for the district 24 Congressional Art Show, I provide words of encouragement and guidance to aspiring young artists. <p>Served as Featured artist and Guest Speaker for Congresswoman Frederica Wilson’s 3rd Annual 2014 District 24 Congressional Art Competition, Art Show and Awards Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided some words of encouragement to the students as well as my insight into the world of art. <p>Served as Judge, MC and guest speaker/artist for Congresswoman Frederica Wilson’s 2nd Annual 2013 District 24 Congressional Art Competition, Art Show and Awards Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served as Judge on a panel of 8 judges • Selected winning art Piece among 93 submissions which would be displayed in the capital for one year • Served as MC and guest speaker/ artist; provided young aspiring artists with words of encouragement

14	2/2015 2/2013	<p>Featured artist for Black History Month at Florida International University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the viewers with a wide range of work ranging from traditional portrait art to emotionally-charged interpretive art. More than a dozen people, who own my pieces, submitted their art to the exhibition, helping to showcase a history of my work that spanned almost a decade. • My audience included FIU Faculty, Faculty of the Miami-Dade Board of Education, and members of the African American Task Force for the State of Florida, Students and Locals. • Responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Movie producer Spike Lee attended and spoke with me briefly to compliment my work ○ I was praised for my ability to span every style of art while effectively portraying a wide range emotion
15	2/2013	<p>Permanently featured Artist and Collaborator with Miami-Dade Public Schools</p> <p>Featured artist for Black History Month by the Miami-Dade Board of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This achievement made me one of the primary artists to impact art education throughout Miami-Dade representing approx. 350,000 students • The board wanted to use my life story and work as an educational and inspirational tool for teachers and students alike across the county. My debut on WLRN public television and radio allowed me to reach a target audience encompassing West Palm Beach to Key West. • On February 1st I attended a task force/ teacher’s meeting at Miami-Dade College North Campus where ~250 educators greeted me. During that meeting we discussed my work and life as well as my inspirations.
16	2/2013	<p>Featured artist for the month by the African American History Task Force (Florida)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The task force used my work ethic and art as an inspirational tool for young African Americans who aspire to do great things. • Attended a task force meeting at the Board of Education in downtown Miami. We discussed my work and upcoming projects as well as future projects with the Task Force. • The Task Force and I (as the feature artist) took a group photo along with Congresswoman Frederica Wilson who proclaimed that “this is history”. • Congresswoman Frederica Wilson has expressed interest to work with me in the near future.

17	1/2016	<p>Headline Artist for Florida International University’s 25th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created headline art piece revolving around the theme: Let Love and Justice Roll • With this being the 25th Ceremony I wanted to create something special. So I created the largest headline piece ever measuring 3ft x 7.5 ft entitled Dawn of Justice • The piece was on display in the Graham Center gallery with a history of artwork/designs for the MLK Celebration. My work closed the exhibit. • I had the honor of meeting Marian Wright Edelman – President and founder of the Children’s Defense Fund.
	1/2015	<p>Headline Artist for Florida International University’s 24th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created headline art piece revolving around the theme: His Vision; Our Responsibility • The idea was to return to basics and create a stylized portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. accompanied by various stories of the civil rights movement • The result was The Great American Dream • The piece was received well by the committee and considered by many to be one of best works of art • I had the honor of meeting Farai Chideya; author, journalist, professor and broadcaster
	1/2014	<p>Headline Artist for Florida International University’s 23rd Annual Martin Luther King Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created the headline art piece revolving around the theme: “Can We Dream Together?” • I wanted to create a piece that would provide a sense of calmness and peace. I love to experiment with different avenues of self-expression and I wanted this piece to be in complete contrast to last year’s headline piece. • The result was <i>Dream, Believe, Achieve (Impacting Our Tomorrow)</i> • The work was received well by the committee and viewers as I once again proved my ability to take the theme of the show and create my own unique interpretation. • Once again I had the honor of meeting other influential individuals such as Dr. Clarence B. Jones and Dr. Luis Romero • I arranged a meeting with between FIU’s MLK committee, Theatre South Atlanta, and Miami-Dade Public Schools to discuss a joint effort in the production of “I Have A Dream” A Gospel Musical • This gave me the opportunity to work alongside veteran theatre director Herman LeVern Jones and Broadway Actor Jahi Kears who portrayed MLK. <p>Headline artist for Florida International University’s 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Celebration</p>

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1	4/2016	Tribute to the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and Contribution to the Air Show/ Lake City FL
2	2/2016	Invited on air at Angel Ministries Network (107.9 FM) to deliver my keynote address to public
3	2/2016	Provided Keynote address for Black History Month opening ceremony – Lake City FL
4	9/2015	Provided words of encouragement and peace on behalf of UNESCO-TST for Ms. Ilyasah Shabazz
5	10/2014	Provided words of encourage to the family of Dr. Thomas A. Wright during the UNESCO-TST University of Florida (UF) Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP)
6	10/2014	Speech and presentation for the unveiling of <i>The Gift</i> at the Morton Plant Hospital Susan Cheek Needler Breast Center
7	5/2014	Served as Featured artist and guest speaker for Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway’s 4 th Annual District 1 Arts Show
8	4/2014 5/2013	Provided words of encouragement to students at Congresswoman Wilson’s District 24 Congressional Art Competition
9	2/2013	Presented speech to the Miami-Dade Public Schools Board of Education, The African American Task Force and words of encouragement to Superintendent Alberto Carvalho
10	2/2013	Provided a presentation of my work and insight to educators from across Miami – Dade during Task Force meeting at Miami-Dade College North Campus
11	2/2013	Provided The African American Task Force with a presentation of my work, history and accomplishments at the Miami Dade Public School Board
12	1/2014 1/2013	Presented a mini speech titled, “Dream, Believe, Achieve” at MLK@The Frost 2014 Opening Reception Presented a mini-speech titled, “The Dream lives on” at MLK@The Frost 2013 Opening Reception organized by the FIU Office of Multicultural Program & Services, hosted by Professor Kalai Mathee
13	9/2012	Presented speech at the Mammography Art Initiative thanking students, sponsors and supporters for all of their hard work and the opportunity to headline the event
14	4/2012	Presented my work and history at meeting for the 1 st Annual Mammography Art Initiative
15	2/2012	Introduction of myself and addressed audience at Pink It Up! with words thanks and encouragement

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1	2/2016	Presented To Infinity to Jammin Productions LLC as well as to the City of Lake City as a Tribute to the USAF Thunderbirds.
2	10/2014	Presented reproduction of Dream, Believe, Achieve to family of Civil Rights leader Thomas A. Wright
3	10/2014	Presented The Gift (Peace & Hope) to the Morton Plant Hospital Susan Cheek Needler Breast Center.
4	5/2014	Presented art piece Celebrating The Individual to North Miami Senior High School as part of Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway’s 4 th Annual District 1 Arts Show.
5	2/2013	Presented art piece The Forgotten to the School Board accompanied by the Madam Board Chair, Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway and Superintendent Alberto Carvalho .
6	10/2013	Donated 2 original works for auction designed specifically for the Mammography Art Initiative at FIU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messenger of Hope • The Rebirth (Freedom & Defeat)
	9/2013	Donated 10 original works for auction designed specifically for the Mammography Art Initiative at FIU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvellous Wonder • The Redeemed • Essence of Beauty • Hope • Love’s Embrace • Greatest Inspiration • Jubilation • Mind Realm • Third Dimension • Exploration
7	3/2012	Presented the Suwannee County Fair with my piece A Prayer for You