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Artists & Makers Studios in Rockville Presents
“Jembe: The Beat of BADC”
with 22 Members of Black Artists of DC

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville is thrilled to once again host BADC for the month of July. This member exhibit runs from July 3rd through July 24th at Artists & Makers Studios, with an opening reception on Friday, July 12th, 5 – 8pm. The exhibition is named after the jembe - also spelled djembe - a traditional drum with deep cultural significance within various African societies. While its specificities vary, some general meanings include unity, spirituality, communication, celebration, strength, cultural identity, and healing. Most importantly in this context, it is a drum designed for call and response. Given these qualities, Jembe is most fitting for a celebratory exhibition featuring work that highlights the diverse perspectives within the organization, and is curated by Gia Harewood. Member artists explore a range of themes through various media as a testament to the richness of the African diaspora and the depth of talent amongst BADC members. Overall, Jembe: The Beat of BADC commemorates the organization’s inspiring legacy after 25 years and amplifies its enduring influence and relevance in today’s world. Enjoy additional exhibits “Cellular” with Resident Artists – on view in the Gallery Hall, along with nineteen Gallery 209 Member Artists exhibiting their latest work. Shop and support local working artists, makers, and professionals.

“Jembe: The Beat of BADC” with 22 Member Artists
“Cellular” with Resident Artists
The Artists of Gallery 209

Opening Reception

5:00pm – 8:00pm, Friday, July 12th, 2024

Artists & Makers Studios

11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

Meet the Artists - Saturday, July 20th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Viewing hours are 10:00am – 4:00pm, Monday-Saturday, and Sundays by chance or appointment. Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville, established in October of 2014 by artist and arts community builder Judith HeartSong, is a 13,000 sq. ft. facility is home to 87 artists, as well as student artists. Artists & Makers Studios – Oro Valley, AZ is a three-year-old jewel box location with talented Resident Artists, 3,575 sq ft of studios, galleries, and flex-classroom space. Construction is currently underway in San Gabriel, CA for Artists & Makers Studios’ third location, with construction set to begin shortly for the fourth location in North Hollywood, CA. A&M Studios is dedicated to providing a supportive and vibrant environment for artists to realize their creative goals - through studio practice, collaboration, education, opportunities, networking and connecting with the community beyond our doors.