

Artist Resume

William E. West Sr.

DOB 11/2/22

Formal Art Education - Art Institute of Buffalo - 1949 - 1957

Empire State College - 1977-1980

Mentors -- Robert Blair, Charles Burchfield, Catherine Koenig, Walter Prochownik, David Pratt, Oliver Lomax, Marilyn Gwaltney (Empire State College) Joseph Fisher (UB),

Started drawing at age 6 as a time passer. Copied comics like Tarzan, Buck Rogers, and Tailspin Tommy. They gave me a good background in anatomy and landscape, even though I did not know it then. Later when I did begin to study, I had a good understanding of those subjects.

Exhibits

1951 - New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY

1957 - One Man Show, Coffee-Encores, Buffalo, NY

1986 - One Man Show, Erie Community College, City Campus

1986 - One Man Show, Langston Hughes Institute

1987 - Wayward Muse Show, Albright-Knox Gallery

1991 - 5 Afro-Americans, Wilcox Mansion

1998 - Sharing Our View, Burchfield-Penney Gallery

2000 - Beginning A New Century - Burchfield-Penney Gallery

2008 One Man Show - Buffalo Museum of Science - El Museo (sponsor)

Collections

Bethel AME Church Bethel Circa 1940 oil

M&T Bank - "254 Broadway" watercolor

Buffalo Urban League - "Rubble; 80" drawing

Various private collections

Roswell Park Collection

Videos

1986 - City Scene Series - WBEN-TV

1992 - Oral History of Charles Burchfield - Burchfield-Penney Gallery

2006 - Friends of Art Institute of Buffalo - Burchfield-Penney Gallery

Publications

1987 - Wayward Muse Show - Albright-Knox Gallery

2000 - Beginning a New Century - Burchfield-Penney Gallery

Other Art Related actions:

1949 - Helped organize community art shows at the former Michigan Avenue YMCA

1953 - 1057 Member of the Board of Directors of the Art Institute of Buffalo

1980's - Board of Education "Imagination Celebration" project.

1980's - Member of the Williamsville Art Society

2001 - 2004 served as Art Judge in local NAACP Art-So Competitions

Awards

AKA Sorority, Amherst Branch 1987

Links of Buffalo 1991

African American Cultural Arts Collective Lifetime Achievement Award 2007