

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF ARTWORK FROM BLACK ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

BACKGROUND:

On April 1, 2020, the Public Art Commission (PAC) approved a recommendation to acquire three works of art that were exhibited at the Black Arts and Music Festival (BAMF), which was hosted at the Ames Public Library in February 2020. The total acquisition cost of the three pieces is \$1,796. PAC has sufficient funds in its FY 2019/20 budget to acquire the art. Once acquired, these works will be incorporated into the City's collection, and displayed in City Hall or other City facilities as determined by PAC.

The works to be acquired are:



Title: We Will Overcome (2018)
Artist: Jamila Johnson
Reductive woodcut
Price: \$350

Justification:

Acquisition of featured pieces exhibited at the juried Black Arts and Music Festival at the Ames Public Library in February 2020.

Recommendation:

The Public Art Commission recommends purchase of "We Will Overcome" into the City of Ames art collection.

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Title: Goodnight Moon (2019)
 Artist: Jamila Johnson
 Drypoint, watercolor
 Price: \$150

Justification:

Acquisition of featured pieces exhibited at the juried Black Arts and Music Festival at the Ames Public Library in February 2020. Cost: \$150

Recommendation:

The Public Arts Commission recommends purchase of “Goodnight Moon” into the City of Ames art collection.

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Title: Ladies of Summer (2019)
 Artist: Juliana Jones
 Hand-cut paper
 Price: \$1,296

Justification:

Acquisition of featured pieces exhibited at the juried Black Arts and Music Festival at the Ames Public Library in February 2020.

Recommendation:

The Public Art Commission recommends purchase of “Ladies of Summer” into the City of Ames art collection.

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ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the accession of three Black Arts and Music Festival works as recommended by PAC.
2. Do not approve the accession of these works of art.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These works of art have been recommended for acquisition by the Public Art Commission. Acquiring these pieces for display aligns with the City Council's value of a fun, vibrant community that attracts and retains people.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.