

TOUCHSTONE GALLERY

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Annex B and C at the Touchstone Gallery

June 10-July 4, 2009

Dorri Thyden and Derede McAlpin

come together to present
“Inspire” & “Influence”

– an exhibition full of color and cultural influences.

Opening Reception: June 12, 6 - 8:30 pm

Dorri’s art is influenced by the bright colors, and the larger than life landscapes of the southwest and Mexico. Her optimistic outlook comes through in every painting and is meant to convey vivid images that inspire. Dorri paints using pure, bright colors, only occasionally mixing or graying colors. Her compositions are uncomplicated and consciously not detailed, whether abstract, landscapes or still life. “I enjoy creating paintings that aim to lift moods and wash away the complexities of life, says Dorri Thyden.



In her most recent exhibition, “Inspire”, Dorri uses colorful, flowing images of flowers and cacti through a spectrum of colors to portray fluidity and ease.

Derede’s art depicts the richness and fullness of the African American experience. The recurring theme of her work - individuals and themes that have shaped or enriched the lives of others. “The takeaway for my art is – make a positive impact on everyone you touch,” says Derede McAlpin. Her favorite mediums are charcoal and graphite, oil pastels, and acrylic and oil paint. “LOVE” depicts a bride and groom. “FAMILY COURT” offers a glimpse into the court system featuring a judge offering fatherly advice to a young boy. “THE OR” is an abstract portraying a doctor and his team working on a patient. “THE STEREOTYPE” features a heavy-set woman. Derede’s illustrations have been published in a children’s book for the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO). Her work is influenced by her late father, Dr. Fred McAlpin. Other inspirational artists include Romare Bearden, Joseph Holston, TAFT and Picasso.

Composed by Dorri Thyden

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Images: Yellow Daisies by Dorri Thyden, Cactus by Dorri Thyden, Untitled by Derede McAlpin and Untitled 1 by Derede McAlpin

