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**BIOGRAPHY:** Deonna Craig is an Indianapolis based visual artist and the owner of DC's heartbeat. She graduated from Cathedral High School and DePauw University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Sociology. Her eclectic spirit led her down various career paths from production assistant for the Jerry Springer talk show to Insurance, where she honed her leadership skills in Management and Fraud Investigation. After spending 15 years in Corporate America, Deonna's creativity and love for adventure caused her to pursue art full-time. As an entrepreneur, Deonna is able to pursue her passions of community building, teaching, public speaking, and visual art. She also serves as a mentor, a dance instructor, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

## EDUCATION

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| 2000 | Cathedral High School  |
| 2004 | DePauw University – Greencastle, IN<br>Bachelor of Arts<br>Communication and Sociology |

## AWARDS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| January 2021 | Madam Walker Legacy Center<br><b>Virtual Artist in Residence</b>    |
| May 2020     | CLD 40th Annual<br><b>Minority Achievers Award</b>                  |
| April 2019   | Alpha Kappa Alpha<br>Sorority, Inc. –<br><b>Regional Arts award</b> |

## GALLERY REPRESENTATION

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| October 2020  | Indianapolis Art Center,<br>Indpls. IN<br>(4 piece install)               |
| February 2020 | Artisan Alley Gallery,<br>Bloomington IN<br>(3 piece install)             |
| February 2019 | Future Friends,<br>Indpls. IN – Frequencies Art<br>Show (6 piece install) |
| July 2018     | Phiri Art Gallery<br>Indpls, IN - (15 piece install)                      |

## PUBLICATIONS

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| November 2020 | FORBES<br>“Indpls. preserving its<br>activist art”                                      |
| August 2020   | Root Cause Racism<br>National Blog  |
| November 2019 | The Boulder –<br>DePauw University<br>Magazine (pg. 17 -<br>“Look & Listen”<br>feature) |
| October 2019  | Indianapolis Monthly<br>(pg. 30 – “My Look”<br>feature)                                 |

## PROFESSIONAL ART EXPERIENCE

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| January 2021       | Madam Walker Legacy Center -<br>virtual paint experience (11,000 attendees)                               |
| February 2021      | Meet the Artists XXXIII – Indianapolis Public Library<br><br>Desmond Tutu Peace Lab – Panelist            |
| February 2020      | AT&T African Americans & The Vote Black History<br>Celebration (live paint experience)                    |
| July 2020          | Umbrella Garden Play Café (grand opening live paint experience)   |
| November 2020      | Indianapolis City Market street mural - CURATOR   |
| February 2019      | Cathedral High School Black History Program (live paint experience)                                       |
| March 2019         | Create Fountain Square (First Friday “Let’s Talk” feature artist)   |
| April 2019         | Fletcher Place Arts (First Friday feature artist)   |
| May 2019           | New Beginnings WOP 175-person paint party   |
| May – October 2019 | Start Up 317 - Brick & Mortar recipient (10 East Washington Street)                                       |
| June 2019          | Sip & Share Wines bottle - Label Artist (AF series)   |
| July 2019          | Indiana Black Expo (live paint experience)<br><br>Murphy Arts Center First Friday (live paint experience) |
| August 2019        | Black Business Bazaar (live paint experience)   |
| February 2018      | NBA All-Star weekend feature artist, Los Angeles CA   |
| May 2018           | Start Up 317 - Brick & Mortar recipient collaborator (PRSVR)  |
| July 2018          | Tea’s Me Café (live paint experience)   |
| August 2018        | Region’s Rooftop (live paint experience)  |
| September 2018     | Art Prize Michigan, interactive art experience  |

## PUBLIC SHOWINGS

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| February 2020  | New Day Craft Meadery, Indpls. IN (3 piece install)                         |
| March 2020     | Launch Indy, Indpls. IN (8 piece install)                                   |
|                | Murphy Arts Center, Indpls. IN (6 piece install)                            |
| April 2019     | Nap Diastopian, Black Business Bazaar (12 piece install)                    |
| September 2019 | Global Fest Indy (8 piece install)  |
|                | Open Bite Night, Indpls. IN (5 piece install)                               |
| October 2019   | Marlin Jackson Fight For Life Foundation Gala, Indpls. IN (9 piece install) |
| January 2018   | Newfields art exhibition (3 piece install)                                  |
| July 2018      | Indiana Black Expo art exhibition (9 piece install)                         |
| August 2018    | ARThentic heARTbeat Pop-Up Showcase (14 piece install)                      |
|                | Tea's Me Café, Indpls. IN (12 piece install)                                |
|                | The Wake art exhibition, Indpls. IN (8 piece install)                       |
| September 2018 | Bier Brewery art exhibition (2 piece install)                               |
|                | Global Fest Indy (9 piece install)  |

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### Aug 2020

Black Lives Matter Street Mural (Indiana Avenue)

### February & June 2019

Village Voices live art experience, Eiteljorg Museum – Juneteenth Celebration

### October 2019

PreEnact Indy Harrison Center Immersive Learning Experience (Neighborhood Economy Diversity Project)

### February 2018

Village Voices live art experience, Jewish Community Center – Black History Program

### July 2018

Tamika Catchings' - Catch The Stars Foundation (feature artist)

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

### June 2020

Sheroes Virtual Camp – Black Girl Magic Workshop (facilitator/artist)

Tamika Catchings' Tea's Me Virtual Community Conversations (live painter)

### July 2020

Madam CJ Walker Virtual Camp – Social Justice Workshop (facilitator/artist)

## YOUTH CAMPS

### June – August 2020

Christamore House Summer Camp (art teacher)

### June 2019

Youth Excellence Conference, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (facilitator/art instructor)