



## **KEN WRIGHT**

**A nationally noted contemporary abstract painter using acrylics**

See the MOVEMENT, here the MELODY, and feel the EMOTION. This is my desire that you will have when viewing my work. Although I have had much success and honors for my work, it was not an easy journey, but, through hard and continuous work, you

will succeed. My motto is to let no one shake your tree, or discourage you.

A Richmond, Virginia native, and graduate of Norfolk State University with a BFA degree in graphics and fine art.

Retired graphic artist, illustrator, and page designer, the Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, Virginia.

An abstract painter with numerous awards and honors for my work.

A former Arts Commissioner for the State of Virginia, appointed by former governor Doug Wilder, and have served on numerous arts committees and boards.

I am blessed to have works in collections locally, across the U.S. and abroad. Among the collectors of my work are two U.S. Presidents, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, both pieces hung in the White House, and now in their private collections.

Other collectors, to name a few, are Bismark Myrick (Former Ambassador to Lesotho South Africa and Liberia West Africa), the estate of deceased actress Eartha Kitt, and actress Tatiana Ali.

Exhibited on Capital Hill Washington, D.C. in the office of U.S. Senator Mark Warner.

I am a founder of the Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads, an African American equestrian riding club with a mission to keep alive the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers and Black Cowboys.

I am the author of the book "Buffalo Soldier and Black Cowboy History".

I am married to the former Simonetta Haley, and together we have two adult children, Ken Jr., and Shelly.

We have five grandchildren, Brandon, Ken III, Kristopher, Chele' and Noah, and two great grandsons, Brandon Jr., and Avery.

My studio is located in the d'Art Center, Studio 9, 740 Boush Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

Thank you for allowing me to share a part of my story.

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