

MASTER PORTRAIT ARTIST LARRY WALKER



The Painter Of History Makers



*"Allow me to
paint your
Amazing
History."*

DEDICATED TO

My mom & dad, Ernestine & Roosevelt Walker

My uncles, Antonio O. Gregory, Robert Gregory, SL Cannady - better known as "Sunny"

My Aunts Celestine Jones & Ruthie Cannady

and my other "Mama" Evelyn Thomas,

My wife Sharonda and the Walker children: Akeem, Nathan, Nzingah, Zakiyah, Zamoni, Zalena and Zaniyah

My brother Rickey Walker and my sisters Sherri Walker, Frances McNeil, Gwen Fleming

My play brothers & sisters, Carl Williams, Vivian Williams, Robin Walker, Betty Jean Chester-Tamayo,

Sylvia Watts, Winnie Hardaway, Karen Sanders,

My accountant & friend Matthew King,

My friends for life: You know who you are. I would need a 100 page book with small 8 pt. text to name them all.

& all my  friends

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This booklet contains many of the most amazing oil paintings by master artist Larry Walker,
who is also nationally known as The Amazing Mr. Walker

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The Amazing Mr. Walker



Master Artist

USA Inventor



Master Portrait Artist **Larry Walker** was born in Memphis, TN 1957. Walker graduated from Northside high school in 1975. However before graduating from high school, the artist had already created a name for himself as a young upcoming artist, receiving many awards and recognitions for his talent. He even received a 14-karat gold key award from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The original portrait of a young Black boy wearing a dark turtleneck hangs prominently in the auditorium of the Memphis SCS. That same year of 1975, Walker was awarded a full scholarship to the Memphis College of Art, where he received his four years of formal art training in illustration and graphic design. After college, he received many national awards and recognitions: one of his most notable achievements is the national **Grumbacher Art Award**. This prestigious award is only given to elite artists in the United States of America for outstanding abilities in the field of fine arts. Walker is committed to motivating young artists to help them develop confidence through the world of art. In 1998 considered the most requested artist for eight years in the Artist-In-The-School program - Arts Memphis. Walker is currently the host of a weekly Facebook video presentation called **"Amazing Monday."**

In 1990, Walker produced a popular five year run community arts television Talkshow entitled Personal Portrait,, which aired on Memphis cable television community channel.

In 1994, the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville commissioned Walker to create a 30" X 36" oil painting of civil rights activist and newspaper publisher Ida B. Wells. The original painting is part of the Tennessee Historic Council's permanent art collection.



In 2011, Walker was personally asked by former Mayor Willie W. Herenton, the first elected African American Mayor of Memphis, to paint his official portrait for the Memphis Hall of Mayors. During that same year, Walker was also commissioned by the Memphis Shelby County office to paint a portrait of former Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton for the Shelby County Hall of Mayors. In 2019 the artist was commissioned by the Urban Act Commission to create a large outdoor public mural for Mitchell Community Center. In 2018, Walker was personally selected by Judge Bernice Donald to paint her official portrait for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. At the time of this publication, Walker was finishing detail work on the official commissioned portrait of Judge Bernice Donald .

Walker's commitment to motivate and help develop the talents of young people has made him one of the most requested visual artists to participate in the Artists-in-the-School program, sponsored by the Arts Memphis. The artist is also a muralist with several murals in the Memphis area. **(Continues...)**



Walker currently does a weekly virtual art class that is conducted at North Branch Library in Memphis, TN. The art classes has been sponsored by the Friends of the Memphis Public Library since 2021 to present.

Walker is also a USA inventor, who has released a new product to the market in July of 2020. The product is called, **Paint Yourself Clean**. Walker owns the patent rights & the Trademark for Paint Yourself Clean products. The product is a clean care learning kit for children in PreK to 5rd grade. Currently the product has been sold to school districts in Kentucky, Alabama, and SCS Special Need schools. Our goal is to take this product global. This product is only available online at: **www.paintyourselfclean.com**

Imagine if your child could paint themselves clean.

This product was invented by master artist Larry Walker. In 2021, It was featured on **WREG Channel 3 News**. We were interviewed by news anchor Alex Colman on his morning show **"Live at 9."**





Maxine Smith left her mark in Memphis during the Civil Rights Movement, from helping to organize desegregation of Memphis Public schools in 1960 to serving on the coordinating committee for the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike.

The stories immortalize her work, and now a portrait of Smith will continue keeping those memories alive.

The Metropolitan Baptist Church, which commissioned the portrait, unveiled the work at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. Master portrait artist Larry Walker painted the portrait which is displayed in the Shelby Room at the Memphis main library location.

Smith was the former executive secretary for the Memphis Branch of the NAACP and former Memphis City School Board member. She was also a member of the board of directors for many charitable and civic organizations including The National Civil Rights Museum, the NAACP, the Women's Foundation for Greater Memphis and the National Kidney Foundation.

Between 1969 and 1972, Smith organized the "Black Monday" student boycotts. She also escorted the first 13 Memphis children to school after the desegregation in 1960.



Featured Article:

Memphis Magazine June 2022

Alcenia's

is now open after being closed for 390 days for renovation. Owner Betty Joyce "BJ" Chester-Tamayo bought the Downtown building on December 2, 2020. "Renovations began March 19, 2021," she says. "From the roof down to the floor, it's all brand-new." And, she adds, "Even the portrait of my mom is brand-new," painted by master portrait artist Larry Walker. The painting is an important part of the restaurant, because her mom is the late Alcenia Clark Chester, namesake of the establishment.

"Alcenia's is a blessing from God," says Chester-Tamayo. "I stand here in amazement. People ask me, 'Do you have an interior decorator?' Yes. Me and God."



Oil painted portrait
**Mrs. Alcenia Clark-Chester
& her grandchild Alcenia Tamayo**





A portrait of the late **Judge Rita Stotts** was unveiled during ceremonies in 2012, the event was held in the south hallway of the Shelby County Courthouse, 140 Adams Ave. A grand reception followed the unveiling ceremony. Judge Stotts was on the Circuit Court, Division IV, from May 2000 until her death in January 2009. All members of the legal community were in attendance.





The official portrait was commissioned
by the City of Memphis
Former Memphis Mayor
Dr. Willie W. Herenton



Larry Walker's portrait of former Mayor W.W. Herenton was unveiled in the Memphis City Hall of Mayors. The former mayor was assisted in unveiling his portrait by

his 90-year-old mother.

"I remember that night at the Peabody," said Herenton. "Memphis will never be the same.

Herenton stands out as an example of progress as the city's first and longest serving African American mayor.

"I grew up like 12 blocks from here, and never dreamed I would be the mayor of this

city," said Herenton.

Herenton was quick to point out the differences between his portrait and the others. The three before his are in a gold frame, but his is black and gold.

This is also the first time an African American artist's work has hung in the Hall of Mayors. Larry Walker was commissioned to paint the portrait. He said he has been begging for the job for 18 years.

"The meaning is kind of overwhelming for me because I remember telling my mother, and I told her, 'Mom, it happened,'" said Walker.

Herenton's mother helped him remove the black cloth that covered the portrait. The painting shows Herenton in his former office with the American flag and the seals for Memphis and Shelby County behind him.

The portrait cost the city \$10,500. The former mayor had to sit four times for it to be completed.



Mayor AC Wharton

Former Mayor of Memphis and Shelby County



The Official Portrait Commissioned by the City of Memphis

More than 200 people crowded the city's Hall of Mayors for the unveiling, which followed addresses by Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, attorney Ricky Wilkins and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Bernice Donald, retired Shelby County Circuit Court Judge George Brown and Wharton. In the audience were county Mayor Mark Luttrell, former county mayor Bill Morris and former city mayor Dick Hackett, among numerous other city and county officials.

Wharton, who succeeded Memphis Mayor Willie Herenton in 2009 and Jim Rout as Shelby County mayor in 2002, said he hoped he would be remembered not just for the portrait hanging in the Hall of Mayors but for his actions.

The city paid master portrait artist Larry Walker \$10,500 for the portrait, which shows Wharton in front of City Hall and the Civic Plaza's clock tower, its hands set to the number of years Wharton served as Memphis and Shelby County mayor.



Attorney Smith Wins A Landmark \$1.6 Billion Verdict

“We are all an important part of our family’s history.”

Jock Michael Smith, American’s distinguished trial lawyer as been recognized as one of America’s top civil litigators . Attorney Smith wins a landmark \$1.6 billion verdict against Southwestern Life Insurance for a mother of three who was a victim of fraud (Whittaker v. Southwestern Life Insurance Company). This verdict was reported as the single largest verdict in the nation in the National Law Journal and Lawyers Weekly USA (2004), and the verdict remains the largest civil verdict obtained by an African American lawyer in the nation's history. Additionally, this verdict was reported and published in 350 newspapers and magazines nationwide including Jet magazine, Black Enterprise magazine.



Oil portrait on canvas of prominent Attorney Jock Smith, Co-Founder of The Cochran Firm.

Mr. Smith passed away January 8, 2012. However his mark in America’s history will be remembered by future generations.



Ida B. Wells (*The portrait by Larry Walker is part the Tennessee State Museum collection*)

In 1884, Ida filed a lawsuit against the Chesapeake, Ohio and South-eastern Railroad citing discrimination based on her race. She had been traveling to Woodstock, Tennessee from Memphis when she was assaulted by a train conductor for her refusal to leave a train car that was designated as a “whites only” car. She had purchased a first-class ticket and expected to sit in the designated car, but because of her race the conductor asked her to move to the forward car segregated to blacks. She refused to give up her seat and the conductor, with the help of other passengers, forcibly removed her. She eventually left the train and did not continue with her journey. She filed a lawsuit against the train company and was awarded a \$500 settlement. The decision was overturned, however, by the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1887. In response, she became more outspoken and wrote more editorials on the racial injustices she experienced and witnessed in the south. In 1884, Ida filed a lawsuit against the Chesapeake, Ohio and South-eastern Railroad citing discrimination based on her race. She had been traveling to Woodstock, Tennessee from Memphis when she was assaulted by a train conductor for her refusal to leave a train car that was designated as a “whites

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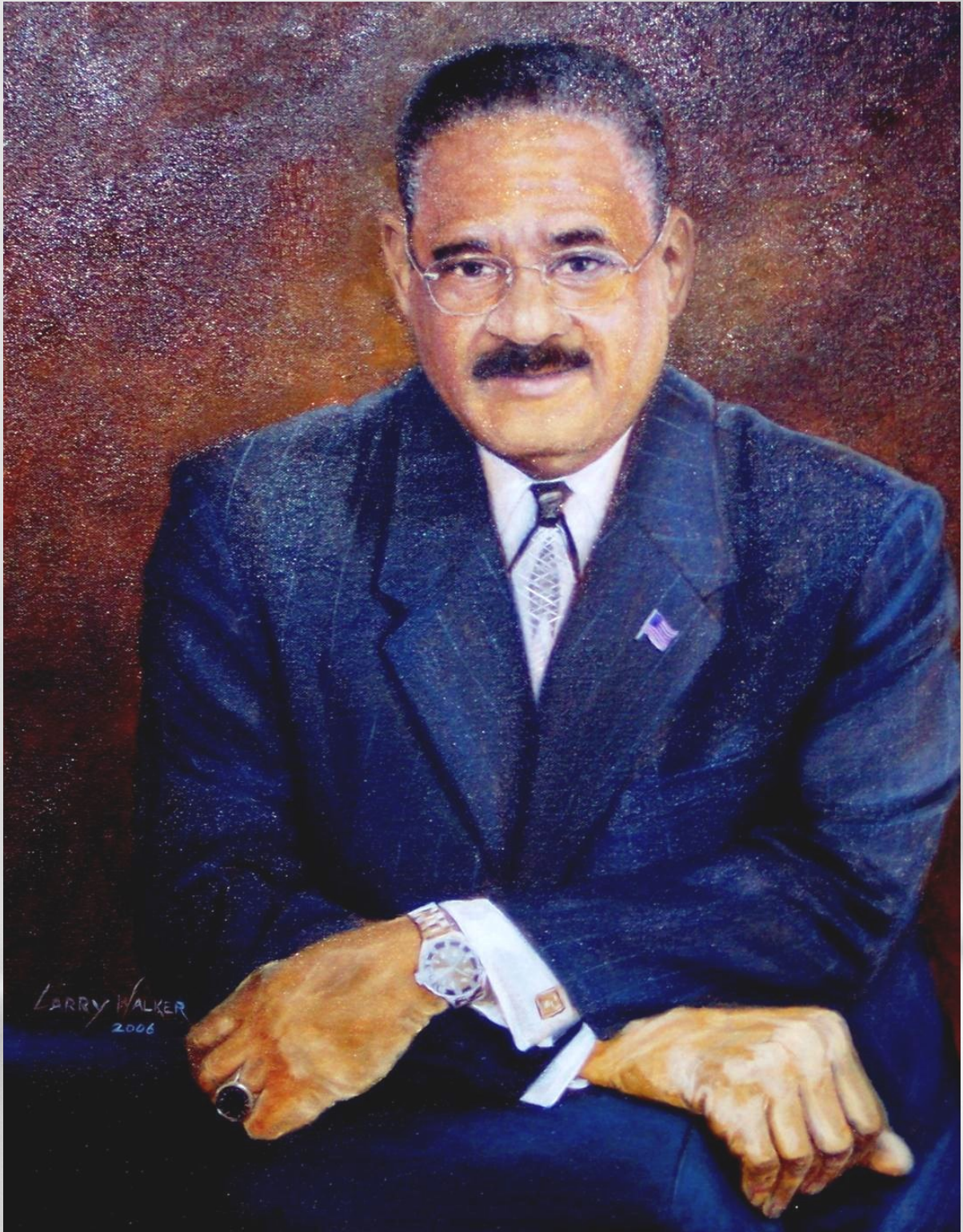
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Maxine Smith, *Civil rights activist*





Cliff Dates, *Entrepreneur & philanthropist*





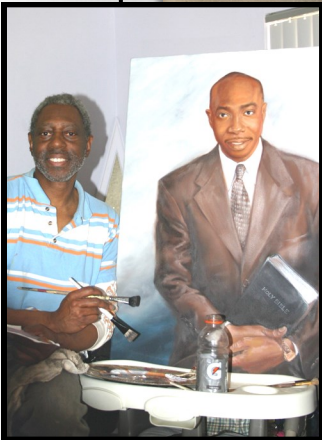
Dr. Tyrone A. Burroughs, *Entrepreneur & philanthropist*





Nettie Rogers, *Evangelist*





Dr. Bartholomew Orr, *Pastor of Brown Missionary Church*





Mr. & Mrs. William Earl Downey, *Community leaders*





Denise Perino, *Entrepreneur & philanthropist*





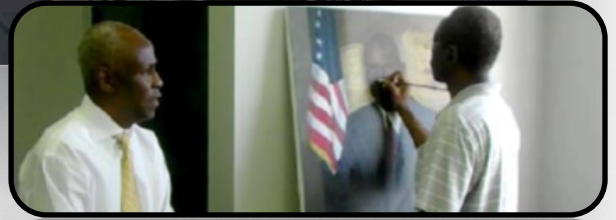
Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, *Pastor and Civil rights leader*





America's 44th President Barack Obama





A Few Amazing Portrait Commissions

Alcenica Chester—Named after Alcenica's Restaurant

Mr. & Mrs. William Earl Downey—Community Leader & friend of artist Larry Walker

Mayor AC Wharton—Former City of Memphis Mayor & Shelby County Mayor

Mayor W.W. Herenton—Former Mayor of Memphis

Dr. Rodric Miller—President/Owner of Miller Dental Health

Dr. Tyrone Burroughs—President/CEO of First Choice Marketing & Sales

Cliff Dates - President/CEO of CDA Security,

A. Maceo Walker—President/CEO of Universal Life Ins. Co. & Tri-State Bank of Memphis,

Maxine Smith - Civil rights activist,

Ernest Withers, Sr. - Renowned Photo Journalist,

H. Art Gilliam Jr.—President/CEO of WLOK FM and Gilliam Communications,

Rufus Thomas— radio personality & music entertainer,

Apostle Perry Maples - Apostolic Deliverance Temple Church,

Mr. & Mrs. Nesbie Alston—pastor of Full Gospel Temple and his wife **Dr. Betty J. Alston**,

Rev. James Netters—pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church,

Dr. Fred Lofton— former pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church,

Dr. H.O. Kneeland Jr.—pastor of Union Valley Baptist church,

Judge Rita Stotts—Memphis Elected Judge

Attorney Jock Smith—History making attorney The Cochran Firm,

and the list goes on.



Portrait Commission Price List

The prices below are one subject prices.

Oil Painting

Standard	18" X 24"	\$6,000
Executive	30" X 36"	\$10,000
Corporate	3ft X 4ft	\$15,000
Corporate Full	4ft X 6ft	\$35,000

Color Pastels

Standard Size 18" X 24" \$850.
(Prices for larger sizes and additional subjects in portrait.)

Sepia-Tone or Black & White Charcoal

Standard Size 18" X 24" \$275.
(Prices for larger sizes and additional subjects in portrait.)



For an appointment to have your amazing portrait painted, just call:

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