



**This adventure allows you to reflect on what joy feels like while dissecting issues continuing to plague the African American community. These top issues were identified as Ownership, Spiritual Healing and Financial Payback.**

**The art is reflective of what joy would look like if these issues are addressed and sustained in real time. The art is meant to make you feel, explore your emotion toward a medium that could feel unfinished with a controlled paint drip technique rooted in abstract expressionism. Immerse yourself in the idea of imagination. The art created by Dawn Tree is multi-layered and textured in symbolism involving elements like glitter, gold leaf, pastel and bright colors. This is different compared to other works of Dawn Tree. This experience is meant for you to feel “emotion”; no specific emotion but feel free to identify it. Let it inspire you to move forward in the world stronger, more inspired to express joy within and outward.**

**A 45 min film produced by Dawn Tree & Tulsa’s Black Wall Street: A Modernized Revelation graphic art history by Dawn Tree (book) is also included in the installation.**



### Smile

by Dawn Tree

152 cm x 101 cm (60 in x 40 in)

Latex acrylic, aerosol, glitter, epoxy on wood

Joy comes in many fashions. A residual attribute of joy seems to be smiling. When we see teeth we know someone is happy. I once had an elder named Sunny, who is a badddd a\*\* bass player, tell me it was illegal to smile for many African Americans. He explained that there would be a barrel on the corner and men/women would have to run and hide their head in it if they were overwhelmed with any form of joy. The term "barrel of laughs" possibly comes from this historical act of suppression. The layers of epoxy and exposed wood, could easily inflict an unfinished feeling. That's the point. Joy can have levels right. Whatever you may feel, take your time and see what you want. Life can be good!

Orig. \$5000

Prints start at 11 x 17 \$100, 24 x 36 \$250, 30 x 40 \$400



### Let's Groove

by Dawn Tree  
152 cm x 101 cm (60 in x 40 in)  
Latex acrylic, aerosol, gold leaf, epoxy on wood

When I catch a groovy vibe it warrants me to dance. Dance is proven to improve the quality of living, make you feel good, bring back memory and encourages another art form, music. They go hand and hand. The point of this piece is to depict abstract soul train vibes. They are dancing over puddles of water, which host leeches. Leeches are representing the idea that movement can keep the haters away. Why not dance!

Orig. \$4000  
Prints start at 11 x 17 \$100, 24 x 36 \$250, 30 x 40 \$400



**Say Hello**  
by Dawn Tree  
96 cm x 121 cm (38in x 48 in)  
Latex acrylic, aerosol, glitter, epoxy on wood

When you are connected to your community what do you do? You greet each other and simply say hello. Hey girl, hey!  
What it do?  
Hello?  
Hey?

What up?

Joy can come from being connected. Connection grows when folk are economically secure and culturally/historically appreciated in their own community.

Orig. \$3000

Prints start at 11 x 17 \$100, 24 x 36 \$250, 30 x 40 \$400



**Pride**

**96 cm x 121 cm (38in x 48 in)**

**Latex acrylic, aerosol, glitter, epoxy on wood**

**by Dawn Tree**

The universal symbol for black economic and socio-political improvement is the black power fist. Red is electric yet true to its hue, which is the very same color as the blood running through our veins... So representing that and the (current and past) history of sacrifice for black survival. Strength comes from knowing ourselves and having pride in that resilient past and present. It's a feeling. Could we fight less for what we need? hecks YES. Joy would come in not having to fight for the simple human rights of breathing, living above poverty level, specifically as an entrepreneur (also void of debt), enjoying community spaces without racist acts happening, pleasures of ownership with the frame worked resources to sustain said ownership and what else?

Orig. \$3000

Prints start at 11 x 17 \$100, 24 x 36 \$250, 30 x 40 \$400

Book with graphic art is \$20

**The experience also features a few more art pieces that are not apart of the series but aid in educating the community on how to achieve that joy. This includes graphic art, abstract works on wood, African American historical memorabilia and a multimedia presentation.**

