



JOHNNIE LEE GRAY

PAINTER

GENRE: Folk Art/ Visionary Art

Born: Spartanburg, South Carolina

1941- 2000

EDUCATION

Self-Taught Artist

SELECTED AWARDS

Date Certificate of Appreciation (presented to Mrs. Shirley Gray), Department of Veteran Affairs, Columbia, SC

2004 *A Proclamation* by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, SC. "Johnnie Lee Gray Day," February 5, 2004.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2003 The Hartsville Museum, Hartsville, SC

2003 **Art for Folks: An extension of *Rising Above Jim Crow***, Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC; Presented by New York Life Insurance Company & Shirley Gray

2003 **Southern Visions: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray (1941-2000)**, Converse College Milliken Art Gallery, Spartanburg, SC

2003 **Rising Above Jim Crow: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray**, *Curated by Dr. Gwendolyn H. Everett*, Art Historian at Howard University, traveling exhibition:

Russell Senate Office Building Rotunda, Washington, D.C.

Forbes Galleries, Manhattan, NY

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Harlem, NY

Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, IL

Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, GA

California State University, Northridge, CA

2004 Spartanburg County Museum of Art, SC



2007-08 **Landscape of Slavery: The Plantation in American Art** traveling exhibition:

University of Virginia Art Museum, Charlottesville, VA

Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC

Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA

2009 **Favorite Paintings of Mrs. Shirley Tugman Gray: A Johnnie Lee Gray Art Exhibit**, Cherokee County History & Arts Museum, Gaffney, SC

FILM

2002 **The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow**, PBS Documentary sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company

2009 **Gospel Hill** by Giancarlo Esposito; private viewing a part of President Obama's inaugural activities

ARTICLES

American School Board Journal—December, 2002. Article on PBS Documentary “The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow,” and the traveling exhibition “Rising Above Jim Crow.” Image included.

Antiques & The Arts Weekly—November 22, 2002. Exhibition mention of “Rising Above Jim Crow” at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

Art & Antiques—November 5, 2002. Exhibition feature on Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture opening (Nov. 20-Jan.3, 2003). Image included.

Art Business News—February 1, 2003. Feature on “Rising Above Jim Crow” at the Chicago Historical Society. Image included.

Artinfo.ru (Russia)—January 16, 2003. Feature on “Rising above Jim Crow.” Image included.

The Washington Post—January 18, 2003. Feature on Johnnie Lee Gray and “Rising Above Jim Crow.” Image included.

Art news (Russia)—November, 2002. Coverage including image on website.

Art Times—December 1, 2002. Listing in “Calendar” section in the printer version of newspaper as well as on-line. Coverage by Cornelia Seckel. Circulation: 26,000.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution—July 17-27, 2003. Feature including two images, by Catherine Fox. Circulation: 530,115.

The Boston Globe—November 17, 2002. Coverage by Jan Shepherd in travel column including large image. Circulation: 705,017.

Carolina Panorama—February 12-18, 2004. Feature by Keith Seymour. Circulation: 16,000.

Chicago Business—January 17, 2003. New item by Anne Spiselman. Circulation: 95,000.

Chicago Daily Herald—January 17, 2003. Feature by Barbara Vitello. Circulation: N/A.

Chicago Parent—February, 2003. Listing. Circulation: 128,000.

Chicago Sun Times—January 20, 2002. Feature by Nancy Moffett. Circulation: N/A.

The Chicago Tribune—January 23, 2002. Review by Alan G. Artner. Circulation: 613,509.

The Country and Abroad—December, 2002. Six-page coverage including images, by Elizabeth Backman Potter. Circulation: N/A.

Crain's Chicago Business—January 17, 2003. Calendar piece by Anne Spiselman. Circulation: 50,305.

Culturekiosque.com—November 20, 2002-January 3, 2003. Coverage in the international calendar of recommended art exhibitions by the visual arts editor. Circulation: N/A.

The Daily News (Los Angeles)—October 12, 2003. Feature by Sandra Barrera. Circulation: N/A.

The Daily News—December 2002. Exhibition coverage by Mila Andre. Circulation: 715,070.

Ebony—July 1, 2003. Listing. Circulation: N/A

Education Update—November, 2002. Mid-sized piece including image, by Marie Holmes. Circulation: 60,000.

El Diario—November 15, 2002. Coverage by Julio Paredes. Circulation: 56,938.

Forbes CCP/The Official NYC Guide—December 2002. Alan Binstock to include in calendar. Circulation: 922,252.

Folkart.org—June, 2003. Listing. Circulation: N/A

Georgia Magazine—August, 2003. Coverage including image, by Rachele Meaders. Circulation: 488,000.

The Greenville Journal—January 30. Listing in Arts section. By Richard Osborne. Circulation: 30,000.

The Greenville News—September 14, 2003. Coverage by Ann Hicks. Circulation: 134,269.

Hartford Courant—November 24, 2002. Feature in Sunday Supplement "Northeast Magazine" by Harold Hansen. Circulation: 283,177.

The Herald Journal—February 1, 2004. Listing in “What’s Happening” section. Circulation: 33,484.

Informationsdienst fur Politik (Germany)—November, 2002. News item, in German. Circulation:N/A.

Jezebel—August 30, 2003. News item. Circulation: 46,500.

The Miami Herald—July 23, 2003. Listing by Gigi Lehman. Circulation: 499,667.

Museums Magazine—Fall Holiday issue, 2002. Full page feature of exhibition, by Liz Mackie. Circulation: 150,000.

Museum News—January/February 2003. Coverage including image in calendar section. Circulation: 18,000.

N E A Today—November, 2002. Piece by Bill Fischer. Circulation: 2,336,084

Newark Star Ledger—November 13, 2002. “Today’s Spotlight” section. Coverage with image by David Bischoff. Circulation: 406,717.

The News & Observer—June 29, 2003. Listing including image. Circulation: 208, 407.

New York Amsterdam News—October 24-30 & December 5-11, 2002. Circulation: 45,000.

NYArtsMagazine.com—December 4, 2002. Extensive listing. Circulation: N/A

New York Press—December 2, 2002. Listing in Art section. Circulation:16,000.

New York Sun—November 19, 2002. Listing in Calendar section. Including image. Circulation: 40, 483.

New York Teacher—October 23, 2002. News item including two images. Circulation: 500,000.

New York Times—November 20, 2002. Footlight by Lawrence Van Gelder. Circulation: 1,118,565.

New York Times—November 24, 2002. Business section story by Jane Levere on New York Life’s involvement in the exhibition; interviews with Sy Sternberg, Ruby Dee, Mrs. Gray. Circulation: 1,118,565.

New York Town & Village—November 21, 2002. Listing to appear in “Calendar” section. Coverage by Kat O’Hara. Circulation: 14,000.

Northeast Art & Antiques Journal—January, 2003. Coverage by Alan Bell. Circulation: N/A

Spartanburg Herald-Journal—February 1, 2004. Large feature including four images. By Linda Conley. Circulation: 60,815.

Spartanburg Herald Journal—July 25, 2004. Images included. By Linda Conley. Circulation: 60,815.

The Wall Street Journal—December 3, 2002. Large feature in the “Personal Journal, Arts & Leisure” section. Also included on the front page with a color image in the “Inside Today’s Journal.” By Matthew Gurewitsch. Circulation: 2,091,062.

MEDIA

CBS Macon Eyewitness News at 6—June 8, 2002. Piece by anchor Suzanne Lawler. Circulation: N/A

CLTV—January 31, 2003. Interview with Mrs. Gray and Dr. Everett. Circulation: N/A

KYW-TV Philadelphia—November 21, 2002. Circulation: N/A

Georgia Public Radio—Coverage by Emelie Bush. Circulation: N/A.

PBS (WTTW)—Information on exhibition on their Web site. They are also going to add a link to www.jimcrowhistory.org. Visitors per month: 25, 241, 956.

PBS (WTTW)—Taping show on January 28, 2003. Fawn Ring. Visitors per month: 25, 241, 956.

WAGA-TV (FOX)—July 20, 2003. Interview on “Good Day Atlanta”. Circulation: N/A

WFBS-TV Channel 23 & WCIU-TV Channel 26 (January 27th-March 21st)- “The Harmony Show”- an educational show for Chicago public school children targeting ages 1st-6th grade is posting a screen of information listing dates, times, and a brief description of the exhibit. Produced by Jan Shimek. Circulation: N/A

WMAZ-TV (CBS)—June 8, 2003.

WLTX-TV (CBS)—February 6, 2004. Coverage by Van O’Cain.

WOLO-TV (ABC)—February 5, 2004, 11 P.M. Coverage by Christy Vaughn.

WTTW-TV (PBS)—January 30, 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

2004 **Rising Above Jim Crow: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray**, Dr. Gwendolyn H. Everett, Published by New York Life Insurance Company, NY; Foreword by Sy Sternberg, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of New York Life Insurance Company

2008 **Landscape of Slavery, The Plantation in American Art**, Edited by Angela D. Mack, Steven G. Hoffius, Published in cooperation with the Gibbes Museum of Art/ Carolina Art Association