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ABOUT LAST NIGHT



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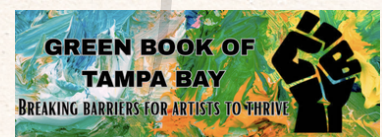
Blooming in Black

Blooming in Black, a powerful Juneteenth exhibition presented by Green Book of Tampa Bay at The Studio @ 620.

The event brought together artists, community members, and supporters to celebrate the beauty, strength, and creativity that flourish within our community.

The exhibition explored the idea that growth is rarely a straight path. Through a collection of deeply personal and thought-provoking works, participating artists challenged traditional ideas of flourishing, revealing that transformation often emerges through struggle, reflection, and perseverance. Rather than defining Blackness by adversity, the exhibition highlighted it as a boundless space of possibility, ancestral wisdom, imagination, and renewal.

We are grateful to the artist, volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who made this event possible. Together, we celebrated not only where we come from, but also the extraordinary ways we continue to bloom.



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Classically trained right here in Tampa Bay, Maiya Stevenson, founder of Afro Opera Productions, opened the night with a beautiful mix of opera and classical arrangements. Maiya so beautifully established the tone for an unforgettable night.

Vendor Spotlight

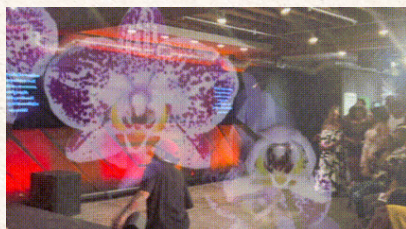
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What inspires you? How do you define the concept of blooming? As artists and creatives, we often find our inspiration from various sources. Last night's exhibit featured artists who were invited to participate in a panel discussion to explore these very questions in their own unique ways. The nods, smiles, and palpable sense of shared experiences were unmistakable at Blooming in Black.



Christopher Knolton's performance blended warm, rich vocals with real emotion, creating a moment that stayed with everyone. His set carried listeners through what felt like every stage of a relationship, inviting us to see ourselves in each lyric. That's the power of art.

