A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT – PIGMENT LAUNCHES AN NFT IN MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Pigment International® will host its first ever NFT Drop highlighting The CROWN Act, in Martha's Vineyard the week of August 1. The CROWN Act was adopted nationally on July 1st, 2022. The first CROWN Act legislation was signed in California on July 3, 2019. CROWN stands for C**reate a** R**espectful and** O**pen** W**orld for** N**atural Hair."**

Works will be available digitally via **Opensea.io** and physically at the Martha's Vineyard Comedy Fest (MVCF), and via shop.pigmentintl.com. More information coming soon but, for now, meet the artists:



Dana Todd Pope, b. Dana Todd, is an award winning, self-taught, interdisciplinary artist and entrepreneur from the South Side of Chicago. Her primary focus is capturing the lesser told stories of hope and resilience within the Black experience, often using children as her subjects. Though painting and drawing are her primary areas of exploration, she regularly challenges herself in new mediums to continuously redefine the boundaries of her expression. Documenting cultural treasures is her both her calling and her contribution to the Black art canon.



Dwayne Glapion is an award-winning artist. Dwayne earned a Bachelor's degree in graphic design after serving in the military. He is a contemporary painter who paints in realistic styles (figurative works, landscapes, & still-lifes) combining traditional art techniques with modern digital art tools. In 2019 he won an international contest and became a Corel Painter Featured Artist.



Martha A. Wade is an award winning Chicago artist deeply involved in the arts community. Her paintings provide a glimpse of what we can achieve at our highest potential. The last 15 years spent as artist, gallerist, curator, and educator have enabled Martha to interact with the world as a real contributor.

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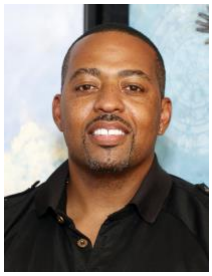

Thomas Elias Lockhart III, is an International selling artist from Denver, Colorado. He has a graphic design background, but fine art has always been his passion. Thomas is a self-taught artist that is very diverse in his style and mediums. His love for art and color contribute Immensely in his imagery. He loves working in many different styles and mediums. He is always growing, studying and continues to enhance his art abilities.