

ARTS CLAYTON

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Clayton County's Hidden Figures: A Cultural Experience

Jonesboro, Ga. – Arts Clayton Gallery is excited to announce their upcoming exhibit featuring the rich history and culture of Clayton County in many different forms.

April 4th through May 25th Arts Clayton Gallery will host its newest exhibit, *Clayton County's Hidden Figures: A Cultural Experience* for residents and visitors to come and learn about important figures in Clayton County's past as well as a contemporary look through the art of Charly Palmer, American Fine Artist.

Clayton County, Jonesboro specifically is home to a Rosenwald School that served the community's African-American population from the 1930s through the 1960s. This exhibit will raise awareness of the school's role and to showcase past students that attended the school. Featuring more Hidden Figures, artifacts from Eula and Lillian Arnold's daily life and a classroom from their era of teaching will be on display. The Arnold sisters were teachers in the community and assisted students in attending Clark College and Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University). Just as the Arnold sisters were a large part of the Clayton County community, prominent figures such as Eddie White, Hines Ward, and Alonzo Herndon will be profiled in this exhibit. To coincide with the historical exhibits, there will be a modern look through an artist's eyes, "Charly Palmer: A Retrospective." Charly calls his work "a complex and simple journey through love, society, politics and race."

"This exhibit is a full circle of history, prominence, education and a look back through modern eyes at how the story has evolved. If you're looking for art filled with education and history, this exhibit has it all," says Courtney Hurst, manager of Art Services and Social Media at Arts Clayton Gallery. For more details on the Gallery and the exhibit visit www.artsclayton.org or call 770-473-5430. Arts Clayton Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

Arts Clayton Gallery is a non-profit community art facility exhibiting original art by Georgia artists and is supported by partners, members, grants and donations. For additional information on the exhibit or to schedule a group tour, call the Arts Clayton Gallery at 770-473-5410 or visit the website www.artsclayton.org

Charly Palmer was born in 1960 in Fayette, Alabama and raised in Milwaukee. He relocated to Chicago to study Art and Design at American Academy of Art and School of the Art Institute. As a graphic designer and illustrator, he has run a successful design studio with a Fortune 500 clientele. As an instructor, he teaches design and illustration and painting at the post-secondary level—most recently—Spelman College. Currently, Palmer devotes his life to his creative goals and has established himself as a fine artist of note. Charly currently has a studio in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing agency for Clayton County. The CCCVB advertises and promotes the area to bring business to hotels, attractions, historical sites and meeting facilities within Clayton County and its neighboring communities. For more events visit www.atlantastruesouth.com.

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