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**Arts Council of Princeton to Commemorate Black History Month
with Workshops, *Legends of the Arts* Exhibit, and Public Art**

Princeton, NJ – January 28, 2021 – The Arts Council of Princeton will commemorate Black History Month 2021 with a free virtual art workshop, exhibition celebrating the artistic and cultural influence of Black Americans, and public art installation.

On view in the Arts Council's Taplin Gallery from **February 6-March 6** is ***Legends of the Arts: A Black History Month Exhibit***. Presented by Museums in Motion, visitors are invited to take a stroll through decades of culture and excellence related to some of the most notable individuals in American history. Legendary figures such as poet and author Langston Hughes, actor and singer Paul Robeson, actress Lena Horne, and the timeless, regal Motown singing sensations known as The Supremes will be featured, to name just a few. All ages are invited to view this display as we recognize the impact and influence of Black culture throughout history. A virtual **In Conversation** discussion with Museums in Motion director Kayren Carter Mjumbe is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 9 at 7pm**. Register for the talk and view gallery hours and visitor information at artscouncilofprinceton.org.

On **Saturday, February 27 at 1:30pm**, join local artist Kenneth Lewis Jr. in an exploration of the Harlem Renaissance and the powerful collage work of Romare Bearden. Using basic supplies from home, take part in this special hands-on celebration of art, history, and the possibilities of this exciting form of creative self-expression. Free for all ages. Register at artscouncilofprinceton.org.

The ACP's public art presence continues with the display of ***UNTITLED 2017 (FEAR EATS THE SOUL) (WHITE FLAG)***. The piece, on loan from artist **Rirkrit Tiravanija**, is a black and white adaptation of the American flag, superimposed by the words "FEAR EATS THE SOUL". Conceived in response to unrest in our political climate, there is equal – if not more – urgency to present Tiravanija's flag in 2021 during such a tumultuous time in our nation. Tiravanija's piece was created as part of Creative Time's Pledges of Allegiance, a nationwide public art project that commissioned sixteen flags, each created by acclaimed contemporary artists. Each flag embodies art's ability to channel political passion, points to an issue the artist is passionate about, and speaks to how we might move forward collectively as a country. On view

from the roof of the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts through February 28, 2021. Visit artscouncilofprinceton.org to learn more.

The Arts Council of Princeton's 2021 Black History Month events are supported by the Princeton University Humanities Council.

The Arts Council of Princeton, founded in 1967, fulfills its mission of Building Community through the Arts by presenting a wide range of programs including community arts outreach, exhibitions, performances, free community cultural events, and studio-based classes and workshops in a wide range of media. Housed in the landmark Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, Arts Council of Princeton programs are designed to be high-quality, engaging, affordable and accessible for the diverse population of the greater Princeton region. To learn more, visit artscouncilofprinceton.org.

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