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MEET THE MACKEY TWINS



Karen and Sharon Mackey are a fine art trifecta – collectors, dealers, and representatives for many of the artists they collect.

The Saint Albans, Queens born identical twins bought their first fine art piece more than four decades ago, pooling their high school teacher salaries to purchase a James Denmark print.

They now represent Denmark, a friend and contemporary of Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett and Jacob Lawrence.

The Mackey Twins recognized that artists of color were not significantly represented or adequately supported within the broader community.

This was the catalyst that led the twins to create The Mackey Twins Art Gallery in 2004.

The mission of the Gallery was clear to Karen and Sharon from the onset - to develop communities of collectors; saturate homes and businesses with fine art; educate, and teach non-collectors how to invest in collecting fine art. That mission is one they have embedded in every aspect of the Gallery's day to day operation.

Known for their integrity, customers often seek advice from the Mackey Twins before buying fine art from other dealers.

Featured artists are often in attendance at a Mackey Twins show, to offer added perspective on their works, much of it created specifically for the Mackey Twins event.

The Gallery is something they devote a great deal of their time to, but the sisters hold important jobs outside as well. Karen is the Vice President of Government, Community, and Cultural Affairs at The City College of New York, and Sharon is the Executive Director of Continuing and Professional Studies, also at The City College of New York.

Their annual exhibition at Manhattan's Interchurch Center recently celebrated its fourth year. The 2019 Interchurch exhibit, "Treasured Imagery," featured work by Mackey Twins artists Denmark, Campbell, Xenobia Bailey (whose work adorns Manhattan's newest subway station, at 34th Street and 11th Avenue), Ruth Miller, Charly Palmer, TWIN, Magno Laracuente, and Essud Fungcap. They have also exhibited at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park.

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