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“Angels and Ascended Beings”

Cincinnati Artist Ken Obasi Leslie at the William H. Thomas Art Gallery

(Columbus, OH) - The art exhibition **“Angels and Ascended Beings”** will kick off the 2018 exhibition season at William H. Thomas Art Gallery.

The exciting ten-week exhibition features well-known artist Ken Obasi Leslie and curator Chief Shongo Obadina is happy and proud to welcome this artist after years again at the W. H. Thomas Gallery. Urban Cultural Arts Foundation (UCAF) presents **“Angels and Ascended Beings”** in conjunction with Black History Month. The opening reception and artist talk occurs on

Sunday, February 18, 2018
William H. Thomas Art Gallery
1270 Bryden Rd, Columbus, OH, 43205
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ken Obasi Leslie is native of Cincinnati, studied at the University of Cincinnati, attended the Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and exhibited in various venues around the country.

Leslie is a founding member of the “Neoancestralist Art Movement” and being asked about his art at this show he states: “...my work is a study and presentation of angelic energy in the spirit and mundane realms. This work is done through the spirit of the late John-Michel Basquiat. It is a mix-media expression of pure improvisation. The work bring to mind that angels are everywhere good and evil, and we must balance ourselves with polarities of energy”.

The entertainment will be provided by Is Said.

Visitors and patrons are invited to attend the opening reception and visit the gallery this month as we reflect on shared African and African-American traditions. UCAF's programming is created to be enjoyed by everyone in the community while celebrating cultural and creative diversity. Admission is free. Donations are encouraged. For full event details please visit www.galleryinthehood.com or call William H. Thomas Gallery at 614-252-7525.

About the Urban Cultural Arts Foundation:

Incorporated in 1978, the Urban Cultural Arts Foundation administers the William H. Thomas Gallery - located at the Near East Side/ African Village on 1270 Bryden Road, Columbus 43205 - as a place for artists to showcase and appreciate cultural expression. Along with performances, Think Tanks, art workshops and the annual African Village Arts Festival, the Foundation presents up to four exhibits each year at the William H. Thomas Gallery. Each exhibit runs for ten weeks and is launched with an Opening Reception on the third Sunday of the named month from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Gallery is regularly open on Saturdays from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm or by appointment.

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