



MEN OF CHANGE

Power. Triumph. Truth.

A Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition

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Gallery Guide

LeBron James: Walter Iooss Jr. Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Gift of Walter Iooss. © Walter Iooss. | Duke Ellington: Valentino Sarra, Duke Ellington Collection. Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

MEN OF CHANGE FEATURED IN EXHIBITION

THEMES DISPLAYED AT THE GANTT:

STORYTELLERS

Dick Gregory

Alvin Ailey

W.E.B. Du Bois

Carter G. Woodson

John H. Johnson

August Wilson

FATHERING

Robert Smith

Andrew Young

IMAGINING

Kehinde Wiley

Duke Ellington,

Romare Bearden

Louis Armstrong,

Bayard Rustin

Miles Davis,

James Baldwin

John Coltrane

THEMES DISPLAYED AT LEVINE MUSEUM:

CATALYSTS

Muhammad Ali
and the Cleveland
Summit

Michael Seibel

Bob Moses

MYTH-BREAKERS

Ryan Coogler

Ta-Nehisi Coates

Kendrick Lamar

Charles Bolden

Shaka Senghor

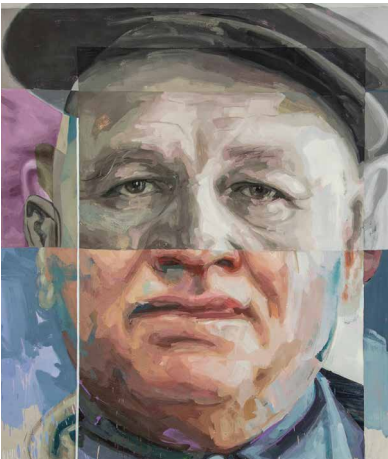
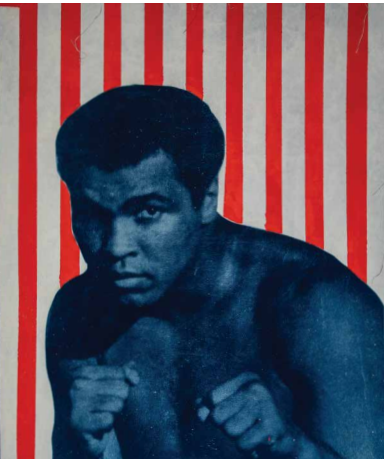
COMMUNITY

LeBron James

Charles Hamilton Houston

Dr. Rob Gore

Both institutions will display *Loving*.



HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

**THEY ARE BOLD. POWERFUL. TRAGIC.
BEAUTIFUL. AND TRUE.**

They are icons often rendered invisible by a country yet uplifted by a culture. They are men whose stories are the legends of the past, the inspiration for the now, and the beginning of the future.

These men have sought justice, battled for freedom, created unparalleled art, and more. They are represented here in their true light.

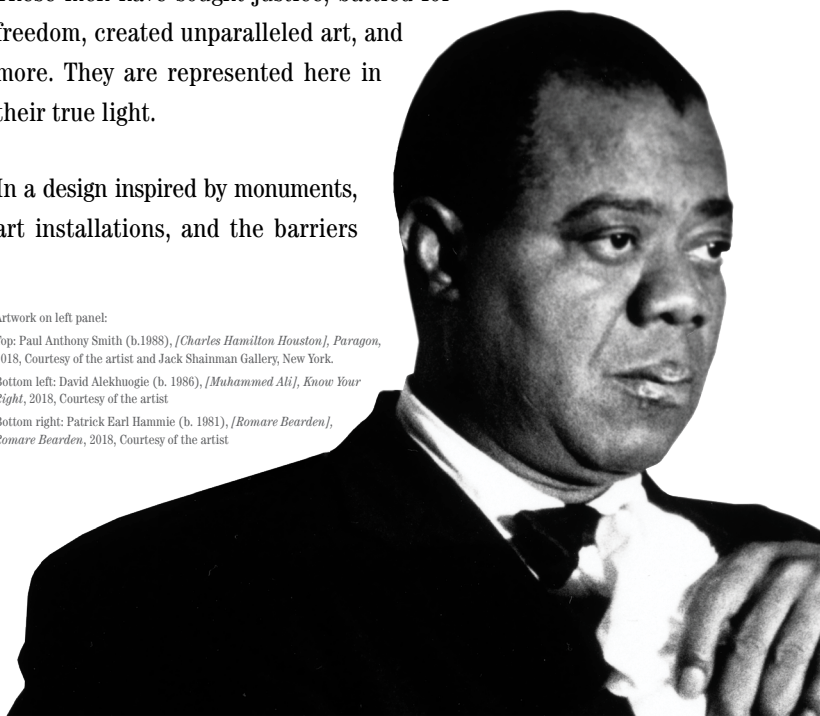
In a design inspired by monuments, art installations, and the barriers

Artwork on left panel:

Top: Paul Anthony Smith (b.1988), *[Charles Hamilton Houston]*, Paragon, 2018, Courtesy of the artist and Jack Shainman Gallery, New York.

Bottom left: David Alekhuogbe (b. 1986), *[Muhammed Ali]*, *Know Your Right*, 2018, Courtesy of the artist

Bottom right: Patrick Earl Hammie (b. 1981), *[Romare Bearden]*, *Romare Bearden*, 2018, Courtesy of the artist



these men have faced, the invisible become visible. As you walk through this exhibition you will encounter a world of men, women, and communities that signify the power of a unique journey. This journey is what shaped these MEN OF CHANGE, and what can form the change agents of the future.

Men of Change was created to honor leaders. Their stories alter the course of America. Their lives represent the transformative power of that ideal. Without their stories, the fabric of our country comes undone and history loses a host of irreplaceable voices.

They were chosen by a diverse group of historians, artists, writers, academics, curators, museum professionals, and social media influencers.

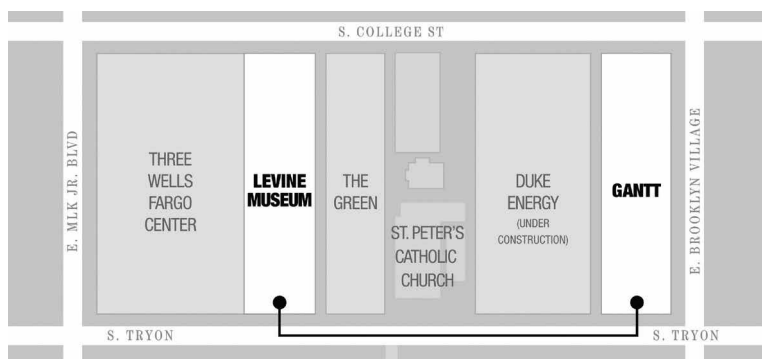
IN THEM WE SEE A LESSON FOR US ALL,
NO MATTER OUR GENDER, AGE, OR ETHNICITY.

These choices do not represent an end to a conversation about change; rather, they represent a beginning. There are more names than can be included here—our choices are a drop in a river of change agents and the reflections of a broader community.

Like the North Star these men rise—elevating and beckoning to everyone. In them we see a lesson for us all, no matter our gender, age, or ethnicity.

In these men we see vivid stories of yesterday and today. In these men we see a path toward tomorrow.

#MenOfChange



▲ VIEW THE ENTIRE EXHIBITION

Take a 5-minute walk from either partner location to experience all *Men of Change* themes. With a generous gift from Wells Fargo, the Charlotte community sponsor, free admission is made possible to both institutions while this exhibition is on view.

ABOUT THE GANTT AND LEVINE MUSEUM COLLABORATION

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts+Culture and Levine Museum of the New South strive to ignite excitement, conversation, and engagement that connects the community through history, art, culture, and celebration. In this spirit of partnership, we encourage the community to gather together, connect with each other, and honor the voices, stories, and histories of these extraordinary men.



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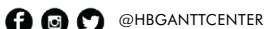


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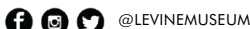


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