



September 29, 2026

Dear Artists,

You are invited to participate in the 17th edition of Caribbean Fine Art (CaFA) Fair - Barbados which will be held at Old Spirit Bond, Bridgetown, Barbados, **March 10 – 14, 2027**. This exposition will feature over 40 exhibitors showcasing works by artists of Caribbean birth and ancestry. We encourage artists working in all media to apply, as we continue to explore universal subjects affecting our quality of life, such the effects of climate change, gun violence, economic and social justice. Our recurring *Diaspora Dialogue Special Exhibit* will enter its 14th Edition as we examine the visual language which intersects expressions of artists from Africa and its Diaspora worldwide.

Since the turn of the 21st Century, Caribbean creatives, artists and academics have seen a dramatic increase in the interest and scholarship of Caribbean art, evidenced by major Museum exhibitions, art fair and biennale invitations, while several of the world's most knowledgeable collectors continue to add Caribbean art to their collections. CaFA Fair - Barbados has now established itself as a significant event on the cultural calendar where Caribbean art is highlighted, and the place for collectors and curators to find highly collectible works. Art sales have continued to grow annually as well as important institutional partnerships and opportunities for participating artists to advance their careers.

Barbados, located in the southeastern Caribbean has one of the highest per capita incomes in the region, and boasts a large and rapidly growing upper-middle- and upper-income classes. The island is also home to thousands of wealthy North Americans and Europeans who either live there year-round or make it a winter vacation home. Barbados is now one of the Caribbean's leading destinations, attracting over 500, 000 visitors each year; a significant portion of whom are high wealth consumers. Further renowned as the birthplace of international pop icon Rihanna, Barbados also has extensive air lifts making it easily accessible from the rest of the Caribbean, Europe, North and South America. It is the ideal choice for an international fair of Caribbean art. Increasing connections with mainland Africa, China and United Arab Emirates bodes well for the future as the interest in Caribbean culture continues to grow.

We have assembled a comprehensive list of corporate, government, private sector, and media support and are confident that CaFA Fair has become an iconic Caribbean event. CaFA Fair opens Wednesday, March 10th, 2027, with a Gala Reception, featuring live entertainment and official opening remarks by the Barbados Minister of Culture.

To be a part of this landmark event, we invite you to submit the enclosed application form. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ampilgrim@hotmail.com or 646 267-8831 (available via what's app). Exhibitor travel, accommodation, and shipping specials will be available on www.cafafair.com, our event website. We are certainly looking forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Anderson M. Pilgrim

Anderson M. Pilgrim – Executive Director; Daniel Hort – Director; Dr. Loris Crawford - Director