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Who: BlackSpit

What: "Hidden Agendas"

When: May 6 – May 28th, 2016

Opening Reception: May 6th 6-9pm

Where: Joyce Gordon Gallery

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Joyce Gordon Gallery presents "**Hidden Agendas**" an array of original paintings by artist BlackSpit expressed through two series titled "Set in Stone" & "Human Nature."

Often known for his life-like self-portraits, Artist BlackSpit now creates an interface of his imaginative world with his audience to expose another side of his artistic ability; In this case, 'Objects of Surrealism.' The Artist will introduce his "**Hidden Agendas Collection**" featuring his paintings of a human nature dichotomy. This collection itself is made up of two series' entitled "Set in Stone" and "Human Nature."

Set in Stone embodies the hard love of a mortal embracing the delicate shell of another human sharing a forever sensual bond between the two. Set in stone is a moment that can't be erased... it is Set in Stone. **Human Nature** expresses the natural affection of humans and their connection with nature. We are a product of nature. So naturally, we shape our world in our image, and you will see the artist capture it on canvas. BlackSpit often works with pastels; however this series is a combination of oil and acrylics. You will also get an up-close view of his well renowned painting "The Blueprint," a masterful portrait of historic black icons, Huey, Malcolm, Martin and Obama.

Born January 24, 1973, in Washington, D.C., Artist BlackSpit (Tony Williams) has progressed into one of our emerging Fine Artists of our Era. Establishing himself first as a detailed portrait artist, (although not limited to portraits), he has created over 400 portraits in the California Bay Area alone as well as many in his home town of D.C. In addition to painting

portraits, BlackSpit has recently favored Surrealism and other combined styles, often classified as Contemporary.

After the births of his two children in 96, and 98, Tony Williams vowed and embarked on a career as a professional artist which was his class major and focus when he attended North Carolina A&T State University. In 1990, Tony had a piece inducted into the Smithsonian Institute that also became a commemorative postage stamp. He also painted portraits of and for Music mogul Jay Z & Beyonce', Mayor Jean Quan, Minister Louis Farrakhan, and other prominent artists requesting to remain anonymous.

Beginning in 2014, BlackSpit has been working on the introduction of his newest project titled "The Art of Love" consisting of large murals painted to music complimented by theatrics, dance, and poetry.

Joyce Gordon Gallery is a commercial fine art gallery located in the downtown district of Oakland, California. It exhibits art that reflects the social and cultural diversity of the Bay Area and international artists. The aim of the gallery is to respect the creative pursuits of the individual and seeks to make such work accessible to a broad audience.