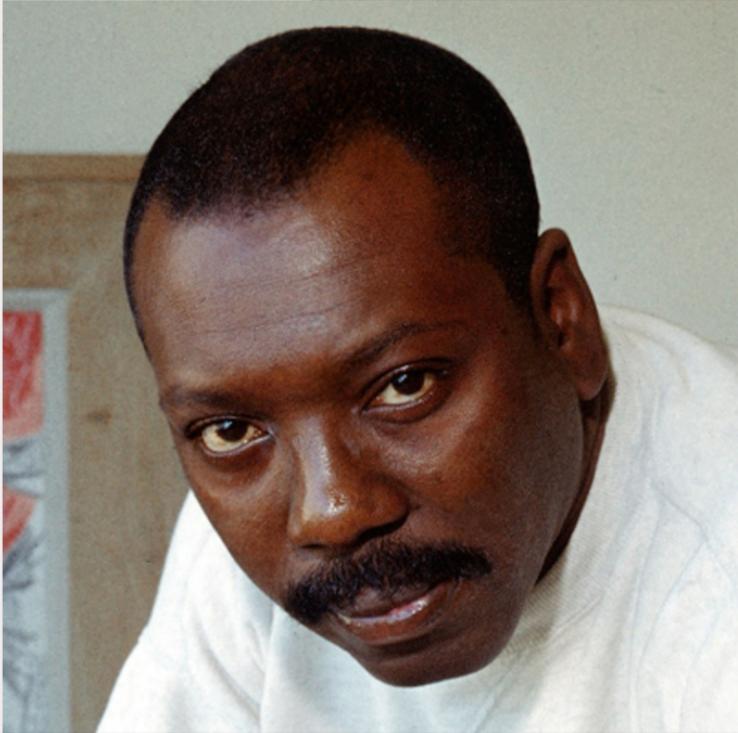


August is

AMERICAN ARTIST APPRECIATION MONTH

Spotlight on: Jacob Lawrence (1917—2000)



“My belief is that it is most important for an artist to develop an approach and philosophy about life — if he has developed this philosophy, he does not put paint on canvas, he puts himself on canvas.”

- Jacob Lawrence

Jacob Lawrence—Painter, Storyteller, Narrator

Why we're proud of this individual:

- Jacob Lawrence is America's most honored black painter. He has been awarded the kind of recognition most artists only dream of: exhibits in major museums; honorary doctorates; prizes; foundation grants; membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the National Council of the Arts, and the National Academy of Design; an invitation to paint the 1977 presidential inauguration of Jimmy Carter; and a National Medal of Arts from President George Bush, bestowed on him in 1990.
- As a narrative painter, Lawrence did not confine his work to a single picture. Instead, he often required 20 or 30 panels to complete his concept. For example, "The Migration of the Negro" series (1940-1941) comprised 60 paintings. In a most graphic way the series tells of the migration of African-Americans from the rural South to the urban North during the 1920s and 1930s.
- Awards: Julius Rosenwald Fund fellowships, 1940, 1941, 1942; John Simon Guggenheim post-service fellowship, 1946-47; National Institute of Arts and Letters citation and grant, 1953; Ford Foundation grant, 1960-61; NAACP Spingarn Medal, 1970; recipient of National Medal of Arts from President George Bush, 1990; numerous honorary degrees.



Other Observances in Month:

August 7th: Purple Hearts' Day
August 8th: National Dollar Day

August 21st: National Senior Citizens' Day
August 26th: National Women's Equality Day
August 28th: Classes Begin

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