

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dorian Webb Hosts Renowned Gallerist Thelma Harris and the Work of Her Selected Artists to Napa during Blue Note Jazz Festival



**Bill Dallas**

*In the Land of Mildred Howard, 2002*

Acrylic on canvas, 48 x 36 inches

NAPA, CA — August 25, 2024 — Fine jewelry designer Dorian Webb is thrilled to announce a special collaboration with Thelma Harris Art Gallery at her store at 1300 First Street, Suite 309 in Napa. This exciting exhibition will showcase the work of prominent, contemporary African American artists, including Bill Dallas, Gene Pearson, Karla Reid, Lionel Lofton, and Richard Mayhew that Thelma Harris Art Gallery features.

On Saturday, August 31st, from 11:30am to 2:30pm, to complement the rich cultural history of African Americans in the arts that the Blue Note Jazz Festival highlights, Dorian Webb will host a Meet and Greet with renowned gallerist Thelma Harris. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with Ms. Harris and explore the inspiring collection of paintings and sculpture on display. On Sunday, September 1st, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Dorian Webb will host an "In

Conversation" with Thelma Harris to discuss the showcased works and to offer contextual background and personal reflections of her decades of experience in the art world.

These events are an unparalleled opportunity to explore the synergy between fine art and fine jewelry as seen through an African American lens. As Dorian Webb states, "What excites me most about this collaboration is the ability to showcase not only the work of both established and emerging African American artists in Napa's vibrant downtown, but also the rare opportunity to have Thelma Harris join us to share her perspective on the pieces presented. As the premier gallery for African American art in the Bay Area, Thelma Harris Art Gallery is known throughout the world for its ability to identify and support impactful artists. Bringing Thelma and her favorite artwork to Napa is a once in a lifetime experience."

Alongside the fine art and jewelry, attendees will also have the pleasure of enjoying wine tastings from a local winery.

#### **Event Details:**

- **Meet and Greet with Thelma Harris:** Saturday, August 31st, 11:30am - 2:30pm
- **In Conversation with Thelma Harris:** Sunday, September 1st, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- **Location:** Dorian Webb store, 1300 First Street, suite 309, Napa, CA 94559

For more information, please contact [dorian@dorianwebb.com](mailto:dorian@dorianwebb.com) or call 510-399-3272.

**About Dorian Webb:** Dorian Webb creates intentional pieces that celebrate women, support African American culture, and amplify the beauty of connection. Based in Oakland, CA, we specialize in semi-precious and precious designs set in sterling silver and 18k gold. With these elevated materials, we mark and preserve the current moment as well as memorialize our collective and individual presence. Our Napa pop up store is open through Sept 29th.

[www.dorianwebb.com](http://www.dorianwebb.com)

**About Thelma Harris Art Gallery:** The Thelma Harris Art Gallery has been presenting museum-quality exhibitions and helping its clients to build impressive art collections for over three decades. Specializing in works by contemporary African American artists, next year the gallery will mark its thirty fifth year as a venue for emerging, mid-career and established painters, sculptors and mixed media artists. [www.thelmaharrisartgallery.com](http://www.thelmaharrisartgallery.com)



**Thelma Harris**

**About First Street Napa:**

First Street Napa is a mixed-use shopping and lifestyle destination property spanning three city blocks in the heart of downtown Napa. First Street Napa features Napa's top independent artisan retailers, popular national retail brands, exceptionally designed landscaping and seating areas, and locally curated art installations that appeal to visitors of all ages. The property was developed by Zapolski Real Estate LLC in cooperation with Trademark Properties as part of its vision to create an immersive destination experience for shopping, wine tasting, lifestyle, dining, hospitality, cultural exhibitions, and community events. Visit [www.firststreetnapa.com](http://www.firststreetnapa.com) and follow @FirstStreetNapa on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for complete details on other opening activities and special events.

**BILL DALLAS**

***How I Love the Lord Jesus*, 2010**

Acrylic on canvas

44 x 36 inches



**BILL DALLAS**

***In the Land of Mildred Howard*, 2002**

Acrylic on canvas

48 x 36 inches



**BILL DALLAS**

***Deliver the World from All Wars*, 2022**

Acrylic on canvas

30 x 30 inches

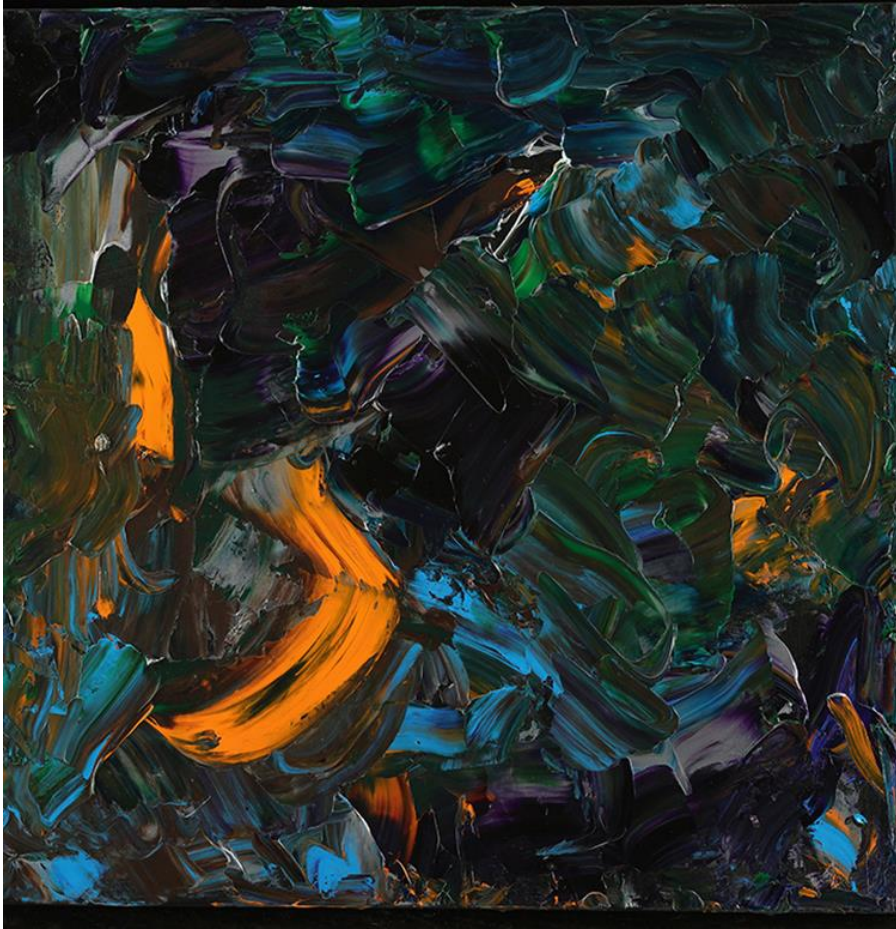


**BILL DALLAS**

***Untitled*, 2022**

Acrylic on canvas

30 x 30 inches



**RICHARD MAYHEW**

Summertime, 2016

Serigraph

21 x 27 inches (image), 29 x 35 inches (framed)

