Stories of the Pittsburgh’s Cultural Treasures Initiative

The stories will be posted on this page twice weekly as a continuation of the program’s goal to celebrate the contributions these groups have made to Western Pennsylvania. The articles in the series reflect the importance of recognizing the organizations’ work and that of others like them. Photos by Brian Cook/Golden Sky Media.

The Treasures

16 Black-led cultural organizations

Introducing the Treasures: A great day in the Hill District by Ervin Dyer
August Wilson Center

Janis Burley Wilson, President and CEO of August Wilson African American Cultural Center

The Writer's Landscape by Tim Grant

1Hood Media

A dynamic Pittsburgh collective uses the arts and activism to promote social justice and help liberate individuals and the community.

1Hood Media by LaMont Jones Jr.
Playwrights Theatre

*Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre puts the development of actors and writers center stage.*

**A Matter of Faith by Tawanda W. Johnson**

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Legacy Arts

*The Legacy Arts Project celebrates the long lineage and wisdom of African dance and music.*

**Past is Present by Yven Destin**
BOOM Concepts

The creatives behind Pittsburgh’s Black-owned gallery space, BOOM Concepts, help artists and the community to blossom.

BOOM Times by Deborah M. Todd

Afrika Yetu

Afrika Yetu shares the music, dance of the continent – and gets immigrants settled.

Crossing Cultures by Jordan Snowden
Hill Dance Academy Theatre

Hill Dance Academy Theatre, moving in the right direction to teach and promote Black art and culture.

Dance Lessons by Kara Henderson

New Horizon Theater

For more than 30 years, New Horizon Theater has put the spotlight on African American stories.

Putting Black Life Center Stage by LaMont Jones Jr.
PearlArts

Trailblazing artist uses performance to preserve Black dance and culture in Pittsburgh and beyond.

PearlArts: Black Art Reinvented by Marcia Liggett

Kente Arts

Kente Arts Alliance uses jazz and diverse African and Black American art forms to weave together cultural presentations, lessons.

A Cultural Quilt by Donovan Harrell
Women of Visions elevates the work and history of Pittsburgh’s female visual artists.

A Union of Sisterhood and Art by B. Denise Hawkins