



## Museum Press Release

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# Artist Arthello Beck “A Celebration of African American Heritage” Black History Month Art Exhibition

In celebration of Black History Month, the MBA – Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas is proud to present a new art exhibition featuring the late Arthello Beck called “African American Heritage”. The exhibition includes the original oil paintings from this Dallas native. Widely popular and collected over his 50 years of creating art with a distinctly African American perspective, Arthello’s most visibly recognizable work is the gigantic Cypress Trees floor mosaic at DFW Airport.

“No one has captured the family values and the religious culture of the Texas African American point of view like artist Arthello Beck.” says Museum Curator Scott Peck. Mae Beck, Arthello’s wife: “You feel as if you are there at the river watching an ‘old time’ baptism or at the local Dallas beauty parlor when you see these paintings. It makes me proud of my black heritage!”

A celebration of Arthello’s life and an art talk will occur on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. The artist’s widow Mae Beck will be interviewed, with an art talk by art historian and Curator Scott Peck. Beck art collectors and fans will socialize and interact, as they reminisce about this significant figure in African American art history. Admission to the museum is \$12. Those who attend the celebration event and art talk on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> will be admitted free of charge.

**Arthello Beck: “A Celebration of African American Heritage”  
January 27<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> 2012  
Celebration Event and Art Talk: Sunday February 12th at 2 PM**

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Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 [www.biblicalarts.org](http://www.biblicalarts.org)



“Take Me to the Water” Oil Painting by Arthello Beck



“Juneteenth Picnic” Oil Painting by Arthello Beck



“Braiding Session” Oil Painting by Arthello Beck



“The Ten Commandments” Oil Painting by Arthello Beck