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Darrell P. Lane Photo Exhibit Opens at East Cleveland Public Library on Juneteenth

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The East Cleveland Public Library will host a Darrell P. Lane’s photo exhibit, “Everyday People Around the World” featuring digital and hand-painted photographs. The exhibit opens Tuesday, June 19, known as Juneteenth, a day celebrating freedom on the anniversary of the 1865 announcement of the abolishment of slavery in the United States. Mr. Lane’s exhibit will remain at the Library for viewing during open hours until July 5, and event highlights include an opening reception June 19 at 5:00 p.m. and an evening conversation with the artist, Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m.

ECPL Director, Ms. Sheba Marcus-Bey described the Library’s ongoing commitment to offering engaging programs and noted, “We are excited to host this exhibit; it’s an excellent opportunity to present Mr. Lane’s visionary work and global perspective to the community, and a significant way to commemorate Juneteenth.” The East Cleveland Public Library’s mission to provide life enhancing, consciousness raising library services and cultural activities is reflected by diverse events throughout the year. The Library, which recently commemorated a centennial anniversary, hosts frequent concerts, exhibits, performances, and community events with an aim of creating community through literacy.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Lane describes inheriting a legacy of creativity from his father, a painter, how “artistry is just in my DNA.” A graduate of the Cleveland Municipal School District, Darrell’s love of photography began in 7th grade when he received his first camera from a teacher. Mr. Lane went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Cincinnati and later continued his education with an Associate in Photography from the Art Institute of Atlanta. With a background as an advertising photographer, his love of people and travel eventually led him to pursue a career as a fine art photographer, and he now owns Lane Fine Art Photography.

Mr. Lane’s travel destinations have enabled him to capture powerful images of people, breathtaking landscapes, ancient architecture, and candid moments. “Everyday People Around the World” offers viewers a unique way to explore distant lands, lifestyles, and cultures and consider common themes and experiences.

Known in the US and abroad, Mr. Lane’s photographs have been purchased by DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago, Illinois and The GumTree Museum of Art in Tupelo, Mississippi. He has received numerous awards at art shows across the country, including distinctions from Cain Park Arts Festival, Shaker Heights Arts and Music Festival, and Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh, PA. Mr. Lane’s signature technique is transforming black and white photographs into hand-painted one-of-kind artworks.

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