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**D.C. Mayor’s “Emerging Creative” Winner Stuns DMV
with Full-Sensory Art Show This April**

(Washington, D.C. – March 16, 2022) On April 16, 2022, Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser’s *Emerging Creative* winner, artist Cary Michael Robinson, will present an empowering, full-sensory art exhibit for DMV residents and visitors – free to the public – at the Creative Suitland Arts Center in Suitland, Maryland from 4-9PM.

The exhibit will be the latest in Robinson’s provocative art series, *Sethemba*, which since 2017 has been an ongoing conversation with American audiences, prompting deep reflection and action on critical social challenges of our day (i.e., social injustice, civil unrest, gender discrimination, political polarization, all forms of bias, oppression and environmental harm). *Sethemba* means “hope” in Zulu – and no doubt that is coming to Washington D.C. this spring.

In response to challenges, Robinson’s headline character, “Sethemba,” takes on qualities inspired by the likes of legends Black Panther, Luke Cage or Black Lightning – a dynamic superhero who, like all champions, moves from caterpillar to bold butterfly, fluttering powerfully across time and circumstance to empower all to heal, ignite and discover their own “superhero” within.

April’s show will be Robinson’s second solo showing of *Sethemba*, with updated characters and storylines since its last appearance – now tackling themes such as the Covid-19 pandemic and more recent instances of public safety or social justice needs.

The exhibit will be complemented by several leading Black-owned and women-owned holistic health businesses local to the D.C. area including a soothing sound bath experience by Bri Alexander Wellness LLC; live art, body art and self-guided painting

sessions by visual artists Kris Diggs, Jona Monet and Cary Michael; plant and home products by Nimbus POV; drinks by Black Leaf Organic Vodka; healthy soul food by Souldarian; music by DJ Trav; live performances; and, much more.

On all levels, visitors to 2022's *Sethemba* exhibit are invited to reflect, connect, heal, elevate and be radically inspired towards positive, real-world action – in both their own lives and greater communities.

Spring is a notoriously beautiful season in Washington, D.C. – famous for its cherry blossoms – and *Sethemba* is no exception. Cary Michael's *Sethemba* opens on April 16, 2022 and runs through April 30, 2022. All are invited to RSVP for free entry at www.CaryMichael.com/Sethemba.

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About Cary Michael:

Cary Michael Robinson is an acclaimed visual artist, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Design Examiner, entrepreneur and founder of Artbae (“Art Before Anything Else”), an award-winning arts advocacy and events organization based in Washington, D.C.

Robinson's work has been featured before millions at the 2016 BET Awards, Harlem Fine Arts Show, the African American Civil War Museum and other exhibits, including permanent collections, across the United States. A native of Mobile, Alabama, Robinson is deeply passionate about promoting positive social change and improving quality of life for others through the effective use of creativity in all endeavors.