



## **Contemporary Art Center Press Release:**

### **Larry Hendricks: Black & Blues**

*July 5 - August 22 Gallery 3R*

*Opening Reception: Saturday, July 12, 6:30-8:30*

Larry Hendricks exhibits new acrylic paintings at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria. These are paintings of Jazz and Blues giants in the world of music. Hendricks states, *"This body of work is my attempt to reflect the passion, defiance, and wit the music contains on canvas"*.

Hendricks goes on to say, *"Listening to music will often translate into visual imagery"*. Photographer, filmmaker, author, poet, and composer, Gordon Parks was a master of using words or a camera to define music. He used photographs and words as he described Jazz in final book of his celebrated life. He said, *"Jazz is Edward Kennedy Ellington"*. An example of how Parks used words to paint a picture was when he stated, *"Duke Ellington had one mistress. She was as old as the sun, but to him as beautiful as a full moon over a sea mist"*. Hendricks wants viewers of his paintings to lose themselves into the passion of both Jazz and Blues music.

The opening reception on Saturday, July 12 will also honor the 12-member group Satellite City Transmissions who will all be exhibiting in the Preston Jackson Gallery on the 2nd floor of the facility and Michael Adams who will exhibit in the Side View Gallery. Food & drink will be provided. Admission is free but a donation is requested.

Individual images of the artist's work are available. Photo credit: Larry Hendricks

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