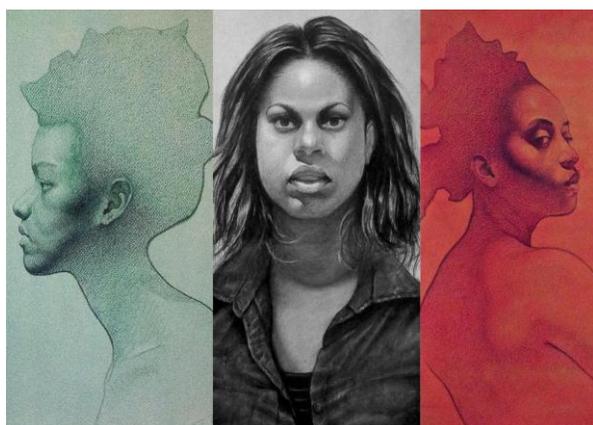


# Portraits

## An Exhibition of Drawings by Alphonso Dunn

September 7 – October 10, 2013



*Aloma Green Lavender Tank Tara*  
RedMixed media on paper – Alphonso

### Broadway Gallery

Broadway at Memorial Drive  
Paterson, NJ

### Gallery Hours

Mon- Fri 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*\*Accessibility Information Below*

**Artist's Reception - September 19, 2013**  
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Reception and Exhibit Open to the Public**  
Admission Free

## About the Exhibition

**PORTRAITS** is a compelling exhibition of drawings by Alphonso Dunn, an award-winning artist and professor of art at PCCC. On exhibit are a dozen portraits, all created within the past year, that share a dramatic intensity and reveal the artist's commitment to the genre.

*"I am enamored by the beauty in the depth and mysterious power of the human countenance," said Dunn. "The face just has a deceptively simple way of saying so much."*

All the portraits feature female subjects. Nine are rendered in charcoal on paper and command attention with a full frontal view of the face. The color portraits, in wax pencil on paper depict the subjects in variously angled profiles.

“The viewer generally interacts in a strikingly different way with portraits that accommodate a voyeuristic gaze than with those that seem to take away that power and instead put the viewer on the hot seat,” says the artist.

A strong proponent of drawing, Dunn emphasizes drawing techniques in his classes, but also urges students to look beyond technical correctness. About teaching portraiture, he says, “I encourage students to strive to capture the aura or spirit of the subject, and this accounts for something we can’t really just see, but have to feel.”

**About Alphonso Dunn** – An art professor at PCCC since 2006, Dunn is a 2013 recipient of the prestigious New Jersey Council on the Arts Artist Fellowship award. His work includes paintings and graphic designs and has been sold at auctions and exhibited widely, including at the Sotheby’s and Forbes Magazine galleries in New York.

In addition to *Portraits* at PCCC, Dunn’s work is currently showing at:

[Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts : 2012 and 2013 NJCA Fellowship award winners.](#)  
[William Paterson University – Alumni Art Exhibition](#)

The native of Jamaica is a graduate of Eastside High School in Paterson. He earned a B.S. degree in chemistry at William Paterson University and a Master’s in Fine Arts degree from the New York Academy of Art. His YouTube channel featuring drawing tutorials has over 5,000 subscribers and can be found at [youtube.com/user/lighternoteprod](http://youtube.com/user/lighternoteprod)

[\*\*Read More About Alphonso Dunn Here\*\*](#)

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***For additional information about this show or other exhibitions at PCCC, please contact Jane Haw, Gallery Curator, at (973) 684-5448 or visit [www.pccc.edu/art/gallery](http://www.pccc.edu/art/gallery).***

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