

YMI & First Congregational UCC Collaborative Art Exhibit

Remembering the fatal encounters with law enforcement of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless other Black Americans, artists Heather Tolbert and Kai Lenzion will showcase their art at The Oak Street Gallery for the month of May, 2021.

Ms. Tolbert's evocative acrylic paintings speak volumes about her personal as well as Black America's quest for liberation and equality. You will see moments in history captured through Mr. Lenzion's lens of both protests in Asheville and also the 50th anniversary march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. His photographs will challenge you to think about the brave people who have protested.

You may visit the Oak Street Gallery (20 Oak Street) at the First Congregational United Church of Christ every **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday** afternoon in **May** from **1 - 4 pm**.

There will be a live opening featuring gospel singer, Kia Rice, on **May 7th**, from **5 - 8 pm** on the patio of the Oak Street Gallery. The rain date is **May 8th**.

This exhibit is a collaborative effort between the YMI Cultural Center and the First Congregational United Church of Christ Asheville.



Hands up don't shoot

Our lives begin to end

Artist and acrylic painter Heather Tolbert



50th Anniversary of Selma

KKK on Black and White

Artist and photographer Kai Lenzion