

### Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell Biography

Ronald Scott McDowell is a sculptor and painter who has earned several commendations and awards. He is known for his life-like pictorials intended to master the range of human emotion and capture the essence of the human spirit.

Ronald is one of the most talented artists in the world. With nearly 2,000 original works to his credit, McDowell is a painter, an illustrator, a portraitist, a muralist, a sculptor and a poet.

McDowell, having received national notoriety for his artwork over the course of several decades, has earned international acclaim in the past 10 years for his sculptors.

Commissioned by Mayor Arrington of the City of Birmingham, Alabama in 1996 to provide a rendition of the life-like experiences of the people of Birmingham during the 60's, McDowell produced "The Salute to the Foot Soldiers" which is dedicated to those who led the march on Civil Rights under Dr. Martin Luther King.

Since this famous rendition, which sits in the Kelly Ingram Park across from the National Civil Rights Institute in the City of Birmingham, McDowell has now hundreds of sculptors to his credit along with thousands of paintings.

McDowell has been featured in many national news magazines, newspapers and has made numerous public appearances during the course of his career. He currently serves as the Artist for the Jazz Hall of Fame, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, the Multicultural Center, the Birmingham Black Barons Negro League Baseball Hall of Fame and is Artist-in-Residence for the city of Tuskegee.

He has also been commissioned by some of the most notable people in world affairs and entertainment to render portraits, including, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Barry Gordy, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Rosie Greer, Elvis Presley, Lionel Ritchie, A.G. Gaston, Eddie Kendrick and Cecil Fielder, just to name a few. In October of 2005, McDowell's works were featured and presented to host, Robin Roberts, of "Good Morning America." Other national unveilings of his sculptures include the "Phenomenal Woman," which was presented by Oprah Winfrey to her mentor Maya Angelou, at the National Convention of the National Council of 100 Black Women.

McDowell developed several sculptor works from recent commissions that are displayed in national and state parks and universities nationwide. Unveiled at the entrance of Alabama State University in April 2006 sits a sculptor of Rosa Parks.

Although McDowell has minimal professional training, his attention to detail and multi-dimensional thinking has led to his work being found in many institutional and private collections in the U.S. and abroad. He has a strong following among the rich and famous, including Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, Bill Cosby, Angela Bassett, Spike Lee, Dixie Carter, Brian Bosworth, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Dorothy Height, Barry Gordy, Jr., Maya Angelou, former President Bill Clinton, and LL Cool J to name a few.

McDowell's work is greatly diversified and includes film, sculpture, painting, commercial art, murals and illustrations. Of his expression, he says: "I honor the gift God gave me. This isn't about me I'm [being used] to tell a story of a time, a place and a people."

In fact, McDowell sacrificed his childhood and much of his adult life to hone his craft. He creates with a purpose a higher calling to teach and minister love. It is this dedication and passion to the craft that has been the driving force behind his philanthropic efforts to educate the public about the arts. It is his belief that every person should understand art so they can appreciate and see the beauty in it.

He is especially concerned about the disadvantage community and the lack of art programs available to the youth in low-income neighborhoods and disadvantaged areas. "We need more positive leaders who will help promote art and it's importance in the [black] community," McDowell stated. As an advocate of the arts, McDowell volunteers at art programs and coordinates seminars to help promote the craft. He is also a professor at the University of Alabama, teaching the History of Art.

As an African-American artist, McDowell considers himself a public servant to his community. He is committed to telling truthful stories of black life and love through his works. While other artists may only hint at the truth, McDowell creates with a conviction and passion that is undeniable. "My work speaks of who I am and the world I live in," he affirmed.

Simply put, McDowell's goal is to give the gift of love through art.

#### COMMISSIONS & EXHIBITIONS

2000-2011

Design of the Amelia Boyton Spirit Award A Taste of 5th Ave

Artist/Illustrator "Never Can Say Goodbye" The Katherine Jackson Story & Coffee Table Book along with Vintage Pop Media Publishers.

Artist/Illustrator "Divided Soul" Eddie Kendricks of the Temptations

The Civil Rights Story "Author Dr. Lawrence Pi Jeaux

"They Played Through The Storm Negro League Baseball" - Book, Story of Birmingham Black Barrons

Design - Medallion Tuskegee Airman 70th Anniversary National Tuskegee Airman Historic Site - Colonel Herbert Carter Original 99th Squadron

Presentation President Jimmy Carter & Rosland Carter Portrait - Plains Georgia

Art Exhibit - Macon County Multi-Cultural Human & Civil Rights Center

Commission Painting - The Southern Black Belt Association

Attorney: Fred D. Grey Commission - Law Firm Paintings

Art Exhibition - National Chair Person Julian Bond NAACP Multi-Cultural Center Tuskegee, Al

Kellogg Foundation - Conference Center - Tuskegee University One Man Private Show

Commissioned Tuskegee University Agricultural & Science Dept. Series of Abstracts Paintings for incoming Freshmen to analyze Artist McDowell's Body of work for University future Project. Dr. Walter Hill

Cover Program Art for the Alabama Music Hall of Fame Program Brochure - M.C. Chris Christopherson, Commodores, Tyler Hayes & Eddie Kendricks & OJays.

Black History Tour of Schools in California Bay Area

Guest Appearance with the Birmingham Barons - Negro League Columbus, MS

Commissioned Tuskegee Airman Colonel Roosevelt Louis. (1994-2009)

Commissioned Executive Portraits of Dr. Benjamin Payton - President(1981-2010) Respectively.

Commissioned By City of Pittsburgh, CA, FREIZE 90ft - CREATIVE ARTS BDC 2011

Commissioned Tuskegee University Sports Dept. of Pres Dr. Payton & Thelma Payton.  
 Designs Sculptures for Guillermo "Bill" Muniz Park Downtown Pittsburg, CA.  
 Design Sculpture for Mayor William Bell Birmingham Alabama - The Civil Rights National Flag Bearer "James Armstrong"  
 One Man Art State of California Judicial Supreme Court Organization  
 Commissioned By City Of Pittsburg, California Board of Education 90 ft Frieze Mural "C.A.B" Arts & Entertainment Bldg.  
 Receipt of The Amelia Boynton Robinson Humanitarian Spirit Award  
 Exhibit New Orleans, Louisiana - The Essence Awards Festival  
 Commissioned: Portrait of General Hal Moore "Movie" Mel Gibson - "We Were Soldiers"  
 Commissioned Art for Julie Moore Center For Excellence Auburn, Alabama  
 Guest Speaker Motivation Through Art - Albany University Auburn, Georgia  
 Commissioned - Pastor Dr. Tony Grayson of Fremont, CA.  
 Portrait of Michael, Joe & Katherine Jackson - Jeff Jenkins (Movie Producer) Beverly Hills, CA.  
 Design Sculptor - Mayor John Robert Smith Meridian, MS. "Freedom Riders Chaney Goodwin & Schwinner  
 Commissioned By the National Historic Park Service "Christmas Ornaments" White House Archives President Bush & Laura Bush.  
 Commissioned Artwork for SCLC Women's National Committee  
 Sculptor of Mrs Coretta Scott King - Marion, Alabama  
 Art Exhibition Pittsburg Seafood Festival Pittsburg, CA.  
 Motown Legend Martha Reeves of the "Martha Reeves & Vandellas" Commission to do Sculptures of Motown Legend Series  
 Presentation - Rueben Studdard Birthday Party Birmingham, AL.  
 Commission Artis for the Alabama Music Hall of Fame 5 Commission Portraits Clarence Carter, The Levin Brothers, Tammy Wynette, Emilou Harris  
 Commissioned Sculptures of Dr. George Washington Carver & Booker T. Washington Macon County Schools "Matriarch Mrs Amelia Bounton Robinson  
 Presentation & Lecture Lee County Schools of Alabama  
 Martha Reeves Autobiography - "Confessions Of A Motown Diva"  
 Museum of Urban Art Foundation - 2002-2011 Artist Highlighted Live Demonstration Director Charlene Jackson  
 Commissioned cover Booklet/National Mens Beef Association Teddy Gentry - Group of Alabama  
 Dr. Eric & A. Faye Calhoun - Wedding Portrait  
 Design 8ft Statue of Dr. Pierre Jackson Jackson/Olin High School Birmingham, Alabama  
 Sculpture Mrs Rosa Parks - University of Alabama Montgomery, AL.  
 Commissioned Artist Montgomery Boys & Girls Club Art Specialist Director  
 Portrait of David Ruffin - City Hall Meridian, MS.  
 Design & Sculpture Mayor John Robert Smith Meridian, MS.  
 Commissioned The Moods of Martin Luther King The Millennium Tribute.  
 Presentation of General B.O. Davis & Chief Alfred Anderson - To Good Morning America Host Robin Roberts  
 Design Sculpt & Fabricate 24ct Gold Sphinx of Giza - National Alpha Phi Alpha - Centennial  
 Commissioned Bust of Johnny Cochran Presented to his wife Mrs. Cochran National Bar Association of Miami Florida  
 Nation Bar Association NBA - Commissioned New York Terriost Attacks 48X60 "Skyline All Saved" Limited Edition Lithographs  
 Commissioned & Design 10ft Mural "A New Day Old Birmingham" , Commissioned by Mrs Alma Dennis  
 Presented Self Portrait to Recording artist Rosie Gaines of Prince and New Power Generation  
 Commissioned Meridian, MS School Board 10ft X 5ft Mural  
 Commissioned Birmingham Civil Rights Activist Committee "Mural of "The 4 Little Girls & 2 Little Boys"  
 Design & Fabricate 90 ft Frieze Mural - Birmingham National Civil Rights the Dr. Richard Arrington Jr.  
 Commissioned Chief Anetta Nunn - Birmingham Police Chief First Female Police Chief  
 Presentation - Honorable Maya Angelo Eatonville, Florida The Zora Neil Hurston Foundation: Director Johnny Rivers  
 International Artist Convention Show Manhattan New York  
 Presentation Ms. Angela Bassett a Potrait & Rosa Parks for Movie The Rosa Parks Story  
 Commission St. Josephs Catholic Diocese Father John Thompson.  
 Commissioned Family Portraits Mrs. Alberta Richie (Lionel Richie Mother)  
 Portrait Flip Wilson Montage  
 Design Decals for Macon County Police Dept. Tuskegee, AL Chief Lester Patrickk  
 Tuskegee Airman National Fly In - Featured Guest Artist.  
 Governor Jim Folsom - Official Artist for the Alabama Hall of Fame.  
 Commissioned Potrait of 1st Black Sheriff Lucious Amerson Macon County Sheriff Dept., Alabama  
 Sculpture Rev. Jesse Jackson Ms. Dorothy Height, Ms. Rosa Parks.  
 Commission Work by Attorney Jock Smith.  
 Donation - Oakland, CA Mural Childrens Hospital  
 St. Louis, MI - Art Director for Gang Members Workshop to curtail violence thru the Arts Director Margie Hollins  
 Activity Director for after school Learning/Education Facility for non-profit Disadvantage Children Program.

#### TELEVISION/RADIO/PUBLICATIONS & FILMS

2000-2011

San Francisco Institute of Art - Biographical Documentary of Dr. Ronald Scott McDowell  
 T.V Appearance - Good Morning New Orleans Sally Robbins  
 New Orleans - Radio  
 Chicago T.V. Sheila Tate Interviewer  
 Noah Hopkins Magazine Interview  
 Macon County, AL Tourism Resource Guide

#### COMMISSIONS

1973-2000

Commissioned by Bernice Rincon of the United Farm Workers of America to design paintings of "Caesar Chavez"

Commissioned to design cover page for Right On magazine, featuring Diana Ross and Billy Dee Williams, actress and actor in "Lady Sings The Blues".  
 Commissioned by the City of Pittsburg, CA, and Mayor Joe Torres (the first Rumanian Mayor of a United States city) to paint "Children of Guam", presented to the Ambassador of Guam in San Diego, CA.  
 Commissioned to work with Michael Jackson on Teen, International Magazine and Tiger Beat publications.  
 Commissioned by Michael Jackson to design centerfold of The Magic of Michael., PORTRAIT FOR STEVEN SPEILBERG, E.T.  
 Commissioned by Victor Ebony to paint the "Mother Africa" and "Africa Prays". The paintings represent the Ibo Tribe of Nigeria.  
 Commissioned artwork Potraits by Mrs. Katherine Jackson  
 Commended by President Ronald Reagan on his paintings commemorating "The Infinite Challenge" commissioned by Arliss and Anita Trone.  
 National Artist for BARAC (Black American Response to the African Crisis).  
 Commissioned by the Northern California Branch Labor Union of Martinez, CA to design painting depicting "Rev. Jesse Jackson Leading the Struggle".  
 Art Exhibit Bob Jones Iris Gordy Motown Records  
 Art Consultant for Macon County Fine Arts Manifesto, Tuskegee, Alabama.  
 Designed brochure cover capturing "Historic Scene" for the City of Tuskegee, Alabama.  
 Portrait and Montage of Attorney Fred Gray.  
 Commissioned by Ebony Museum of Black Art to paint inductees of Pioneers of the Arts' Famous Afro-American Artists.  
 Commissioned by Jack Smith to paint portraits of famous Tuskegee natives and Sports Figures.  
 Commissioned by Mrs. Alberta Richie of Tuskegee, Alabama to paint portrait of Ronald LePread.  
 Appointed "Official Artist" by the Governor of Alabama and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame to paint portraits of famous Alabama Artists.  
 Commissioned by Victoryland of Tuskegee, AL, to paint portrait of Milton McGregor.  
 Commissioned by the Bay Area NAACP to paint "History in Black"  
 Commissioned by First Tuskegee Bank to paint series of portraits of founder and presidents of Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama.  
 Commissioned to paint portrait of Janet Jackson.  
 Commissioned as Art Consultant for the City of Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Honored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a "National Artist".  
 Painted & Donated to the Martin Luther King Jr., Center for Non-Violence and Social Change, the "Moods of Martin".  
 Commissioned by Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr., Birmingham, AL to paint portrait of Dr. A. G. Gaston.  
 Commissioned by the Birmingham, Alabama Jazz Hall of fame to paint portraits of Sammy Lowe, J.L. Lowe, and Erskine Hawkins.  
 Commissioned by Gardner & Rich Brokerage Company, Chicago, IL to paint portrait of Chris Gardner.  
 Paintings for Tammi Wynette, Jimmy Rodgers, Dinah Washington, Putnam and the group "Alabama". Alabama Musie Hall of Fame, Muscles Schoals, AL.  
 Sculpture of Boys-N-the-Hood for the Achievers Scholarship Organization, Chicago, IL.  
 Painting "Dr. Lillian Harvey" for National Tuskegee Institute Nurses Association, Chicago, IL.  
 Painting "The Faces of Mayor Herenton", Memphis, TN.  
 Painting "The Honorable Ralph Cooke", State of Alabama Supreme Court, Montgomery, AL.  
 Painting "Lou Rawls" commissioned by Mayor Larry Langford and the Scholarship fundraiser for Michael Jackson Fund, Fairfield Alabama.  
 Painting "Pioneer Women of Alabama" Subjects: Judith Jameson, Johnnie Carr, Rosa Parks and Virginia Durr commissioned by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL.  
 Painting "The Struggle Continues" donated to the National AIDS Task Force, San Francisco, CA.  
 Portrait of Governor Fob James.  
 Painting "Martha Reeves" commissioned by Martha Reeves, Detroit, MI.  
 Painting "Rachael Arrington & Jennifer" commissioned by Mayor Richard Arrington.  
 Sculpture "The Salute to the Foot Soldiers" honoring those who lead the March on Civil Rights under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commissioned by Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama.  
 Designed Sculpture Award, "Phenomenal Woman" presented to Maya Angelou by Oprah Winfrey, Chicago, IL.  
 Designed logo for State of Alabama Parent/Teachers Association, Montgomery, AL.  
 Commissioned artwork Leola Jiles lead singer of apollas Lead Singer of the 60's Pop group.  
 Commissioned by Mayor of Fairfield, Alabama to paint portrait of Lou Rawls.  
 Commissioned to paint portrait of Baseball Star Cecil Felder & family.  
 Commissioned by Dr. Joseph Lowery of S.C.L.C., to do Olympic poster entitled: "Stop the Killing, End the Violence".  
 Commissioned by the State of Alabama PTA to design t-shirt: "Every Child Counts".  
 Commissioned by the Alabama Music Hall of Fame to paint portraits of inductees: Lionel Ritchie and Rose Maddox.  
 Commissioned by the Mayor and city of St. Louis to co-organize workshops that educate inner city youth about the arts and provides and understanding and appreciation for the craft.  
 Commissioned by Linda Snipes to paint family portraits.  
 Commissioned by President William Clinton to paint portrait of Ronald Brown.  
 Commissioned by the City of Pittsburg, California (East Bay) to design 21 bronze sculptures depicting the City's history.  
 Commissioned to paint portrait of Queen Bafakengh of South Africa.  
 Commissioned by the City of Birmingham, Alabama to design & fabricate a 125 ft. frieze depicting people of the 20th century, to include Mahatma Ghandi, Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela.  
 Commissioned by the City of Birmingham, Alabama to paint portraits of Dr. Richard Arrington, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.  
 Commissioned by the City of Birmingham, AL., to design and fabricate the "Eddie Kendrick Memorial Park".  
 Commissioned by Mayor John R. Smith & the City of Meridian, Mississippi to paint portrait montage of David Ruffin, of the Temptations.  
 Commissioned to paint portraits of legendary Tuskegee Airmen: Chief Anderson, General Benjamin O. Davis, Chappie James, General and Colonel Eugene Carter.  
 Commissioned Sculptor of 1st African American Police Officer Taylor Davis., Pittsburg California  
 Commissioned Artwork Anchorage Alaska Cover of Martin Luther King commemorative celebration 1988  
 Appointed Art Director for the Birmingham HIP/HOP, R&B Museum of Fine Arts.  
 Designed and fabricated 21 Bronze Sculptures of Native American Indians, Spanish Civic Center. Commissioned by his native home of Pittsburg, CA.  
 Honored by the Mayor, City of Pittsburg, California and Pittsburg Arts Association.  
 Commissioned by Dr. Norman Walton, MD & Associates to paint the portrait of Dr. LaSalle LaFalle, Jr., National President of the Surgical Cancer Association, unveiled at Howard University, Washington, D.C.  
 Appointed State Artist in Residence - Birmingham Community School.  
 Commissioned to design portraits of Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee University.  
 Commissioned artist for the 45th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, by the Montgomery Improvement Association.

Commissioned to paint portrait of the distinguished Congressman Earl Hilliard.

#### AWARDS 1973-2000

Proclamation by Governor Guy Hunt, Montgomery, Alabama.  
Certificate of Commendation by Governor Jim Folsom, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama.  
Recognition for Implementation of Teens in Art Program, presented by the Tuskegee University Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Tuskegee, AL.  
Recognition for Community service in the Arts by the Tuskegee Chapter of the Links Incorporated, Tuskegee, AL.  
Achievement Award from the National Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham, AL.  
The Gonzo Award presented by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Montgomery, AL.  
Proclamation signed by Governor Fob James designating March 14 of each year the "Ronald McDowell Day" in Alabama.  
Honored with "Most Prestigious Art Award", presented by Mayor Larry Langford, City of Fairfield, Alabama.  
Resolution made by the Mayor and City Council of Tuskegee that October 13 of each year would be "Ronald McDowell Day" in Tuskegee, Alabama.  
Governor Siegelman issued Proclamation for Outstanding Work in the state of Alabama, The Eddie Kendricks Memorial Park, Birmingham, Alabama.

#### BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS 1973-2000

"Super Nuclear Man", comic book by John Henry  
"Heroes and Sherones", coloring book for children by Jennifer Blackmon Lawson.  
Designed cover for Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Birmingham, Alabama.  
Designed poster for Jobs Corps "Dare to Dream" and "Careers in Orbit '90".

#### WORKSHOPS 1990-2000

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (4) Workshops for children.  
Fundamentals of drawing, Jubilee Festival, Montgomery, AL.  
Berkley Youth Program, Marjie Hollins, St. Louis, Missouri  
West End High School, Birmingham, Alabama.

#### "ONE MAN SHOWINGS" 1976-2000

Macy's Walnut Creek, CA Women's Auxiliary  
Los Medanos Community College, Pittsburg, CA.  
National Exhibition as performing Artist, Commonwealth Edison, Chicago, IL.  
LSU, Los Angeles, CA, Black Student Union, President Sandra Manley Evers Racquet Club, Beverly Hills, CA.  
Art Exhibition for City of Tuskegee's Office of Cultural Affairs.  
Art Exhibition Gomillion Building, Tuskegee, Alabama  
Art Seminar VA Medical Center, Tuskegee, Alabama  
Frankel Galleries International, Palm Beach, Florida  
Portrait Drawing Workshop, BSU, Tuskegee, Alabama  
Bay Area Association of Black Journalists  
Ebony Museum, Jack London Square, Oakland, CA  
Vestavia Hills East Elementary School, Birmingham, Alabama  
Roots & Wings, Montgomery, Alabama  
Booker T. Washington High School, Tuskegee, Alabama  
Carver Museum, Tuskegee Alabama.  
First Impressions Art Gallery, Meridian, Mississippi  
Pittsburg, CA, Art Show.  
The Art Connection Gallery, Tuskegee, Alabama.

#### MURALS 1977-2000

Los Medanos Junior College Learning Center, Pittsburg, CA  
Boys and Girls Club, Pittsburg, CA  
Children's Hospital, Oakland, CA  
Animal Rights Organization, Northern California  
Macon County Fine Arts Manifesto, Tuskegee, Alabama.  
"Faces of Reverend Edward Garner", City of Birmingham, Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham, Alabama.  
"Parker High Dragons", Parker High School Gymnasium, Birmingham, Alabama.  
Six Murals of Lewis Adams, Booker T. Washington, and the family of Booker T. Washington, Macon County Fine Arts Manifesto, Tuskegee, Alabama.

#### TELEVISION & FILMS 1981-2000

Richard Pryor "Burn-A-Thon" Auction  
Motion picture "The Long Walk Home"  
Costumes designs for "Stone Cold"  
Statue of "The Foot Soldiers", "Any Day Now"  
March on MSNBC "The Pilgrimage", Faith and Politics

MEDIA INTERVIEWS  
1984-2000

San Francisco Chronicle  
Cover Rights on Magazines  
Cover of TAFRILIA Magazine, Atlanta, GA  
WVAS 90.7, Montgomery, Alabama.  
WAKA Television, "Live at Noon", Montgomery, Alabama  
WSFA Television, "Good Morning Montgomery", Alabama  
The Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Alabama  
The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Jet Magazine  
British Broadcasting Company, Atlanta, Georgia.  
The Chicago Defender, Chicago, IL.  
Emerge Magazine International  
South African News  
The Birmingham News  
Metro Media Interview, St. Louis, Missouri  
Cover Contra Costa Times  
Bay Area News, Oakland, CA  
The Birmingham News, Birmingham Alabama  
Palm Beach Daily News, Palm Beach Florida