MEN OF CHANGE


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hey are icons often rendered invisible by a country yet uplifted by a culture. They are men whose stories are the legends of the past, the inspiration for the now, and the beginning of the future.

These men have sought justice, battled for freedom, created unparalleled art, and more. They are represented here in their true light.

In a design inspired by monuments, art installations, and the barriers these men have faced, the invisible become visible. As you walk through this exhibition you will encounter a world of men, women, and communities that signify the power of a unique journey. This journey is what shaped these MEN OF CHANGE, and what can form the change agents of the future.

Men of Change was created to honor leaders. Their stories alter the course of America. Their lives represent the transformative power of that ideal. Without their stories, the fabric of our country comes undone and history loses a host of irreplaceable voices.

They were chosen by a diverse group of historians, artists, writers, ACADEMICS CURATORS MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS.

These choices do not represent an end to a conversation about change; rather, they represent a beginning. There are more names than can be included here —our choices are a drop in a river of change agents and THE RESPONSES OF A BROADER COMMUNITY.

Like the North Star these men rise — elevating and beckoning to everyone. In them we see a lesson for us all, no matter our gender, age, or ethnicity.

In these men we see vivid stories of yesterday and today. In these men we see a path toward tomorrow.

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Photo left: Louis Armstrong, 1960. Photo by Herman Leonard, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, © Herman Leonard Photography, LLC.

Artwork on left panel:
Bottom left: David Alekhuogie (b. 1986), [Muhammed Ali], Know Your Right, 2018, Courtesy of the artist
Bottom right: Patrick Earl Hammie (b. 1981), [Romare Bearden], Romare Bearden, 2018, Courtesy of the artist.


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Take a 5-minute walk from either partner location to experience all Men of Change themes. With a generous gift from Wells Fargo, the Charlotte community sponsor, free admission is made possible to both institutions while this exhibition is on view.

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