

Aaron 'Haig' Hamilton

B. 1977 in Dominica - Lives & Works in Dominica - IG: @giah854



Artist Statement

"I find it liberating to pick up a brush or pen and to investigate with curious eyes as the hands follow the imaginations of the heart. I am inspired by people, movements, the landscape, the things uttered, and the expressions we make. The way she giggles when she laughs at his solemn look, that is what I want to express with my art. I am at peace when I create, as nature reveals the intricacies of creation."

Artist Biography

Aaron Hamilton was born in 1977, in the 'Culture Capital of Dominica', the South-eastern village of Grand Bay. At an early age, he moved to the north-eastern village of Concord where he was raised. A place known for the lush interior passage and constant running waters of one of Dominica's bigger and longer rivers, the Pagua River. This was the fertile ground which surrounded him with vibrancy, peace and beauty, a constant in his paintings, which leaves viewers inspired by his vivid imagery and striking detail.

Hamilton's passion for creating art started at a young age. He is a self-taught artist who possesses a keen eye and a desire to improve his skills. Through his association with Earl Darius Etienne, a renowned artist in Dominica, and other colleagues over the years, he has gained much knowledge. Hamilton's primary medium is acrylic on canvas, but he also enjoys experimenting with other media. He specializes in realistic depictions of landscapes and portraits, as well as capturing cultural scenes that feel immersive and textured. Hamilton's exceptional expertise and skill are unmistakable.

Throughout the year, Hamilton is regularly showcased in various group exhibitions. As the Senior Officer and primary Visual Arts instructor at the Dominica Institute for the Arts located in the Old Mill Cultural Centre, he has organized multiple exhibitions that have provided opportunities for Dominica's most talented artists, including himself, to gain exposure.

Over the years, Hamilton's illustrations have been included in publications such as *'Mwen sé Donmnik'*, *'Tintim Glo Doubout'*, *'Mi Bredeks'*, and *'Ti Listwe Donmnik'*, a collection of creole expressions and short stories published by Dominica's Konmte pou E'tid Kweyol (KEK). Aaron Hamilton currently serves as Vice President of Dominica's network of artists, *'The Waitukubuli Artist Association'*.

Hamilton is deeply dedicated to the Dominica Institute of the Arts, where he imparts his knowledge of Art to students of different levels and ages. He has a strong desire to promote the arts in his nation and hopes to change the way people perceive art and artists in a small island developing state. You may find Hamilton on Instagram and view his work at the Old Mill Cultural Centre in Canefield, Dominica.



Artist Resumé – Aaron Hamilton

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Exhibitions

- 2023 DOMFESTA Art Exhibition 2023 – Curator & Exhibitor. Old Mill, Canefield, **Dominica**.
Inaugural Installation at **Vetivert Contemporary Fine Art Gallery**
at Lacou Restaurant & Private Dining Room, Melrose House, Roseau, **Dominica**.
- 2020 **Emancipation Art Exhibition** (Virtual Show), hosted on Dominica's Cultural Division Facebook page, July 30th, 2020
- Fragmentation De L'air, Place De La Savane**, Fort De France, **Martinique**, November, 15-17
10th **Caribbean Fine Art Fair** (CAFA) Grande Salle Gallery, Bridgetown **Barbados**, March 1-10
- 2018 **Whoosh Art Exhibition**, Windsor Park Sports Stadium, **Dominica** July 27-29
- 2017 Dominican exhibition in Pointe A Pitre, **Guadeloupe**, **Remy Nainsouuta**, 9th October

Experience

- 2014- Teacher, Dominica Institute for the Arts, Old Mill Cultural Centre
- Teacher, Virtual Art Session (Facebook) Old Mill Cultural Centre (2021 – 2023)
- Teacher, Cultural Division Summer Arts Program (2015)
- 2008-2009 Volunteer Art Teacher, Marigot Primary School & Concord Primary School

