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Iyanla Vanzant, best-selling author and life coach, will accept the 2018 Sankofa Freedom Award on Feb. 24 at Central Library. The award is given to a nationally acclaimed individual who has dedicated his or her life to educating and improving the greater African-American community. Courtesy/Iyanla Vanzant



Iyanla Vanzant, host of reality series "Iyanla: Fix My Life" on OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, will receive the 2018 Sankofa Freedom Award, presented by Tulsa City-County Library's African-American Resource Center at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Central Library, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue.

While the 600 seats available for the event were requested when the award was announced in December, some seats may be available the day of the ceremony if ticket holders do not claim their seats.

Vanzant will speak, answer questions from the audience, and sign copies of her latest book, "Get Over It: Thought Therapy for Healing the Hard Stuff."

The Sankofa Freedom Award consists of a \$10,000 cash prize and an engraved medallion. It is awarded every-other-year in February during African-American History Month to a nationally acclaimed individual who has dedicated his or her life to educating and improving the greater African-American community.



Previous recipients of the Sankofa Freedom Award include: Susan L. Taylor (2014), Hill Harper (2012), Pearl Cleage (2010), Nikki Giovanni (2008) and Dr. Michael Eric Dyson (2006).

The award is presented by the Tulsa Library Trust and TCCL's African-American Resource Center.





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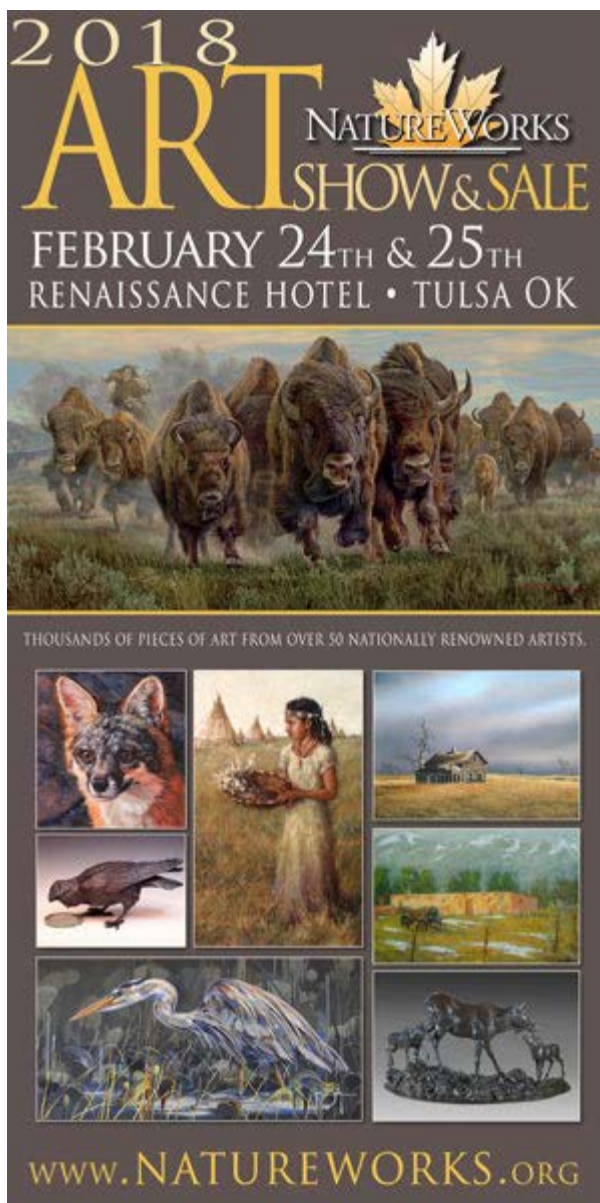
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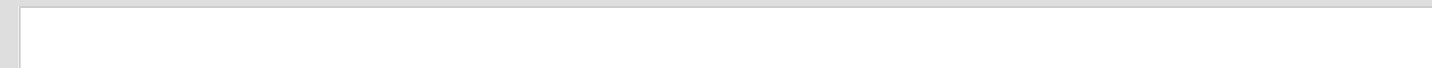
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