

## Destiny Branay



Destiny Lewis is an emerging oil painter living and working in Baltimore, Maryland. Her work includes images of Black folk, whose eyes are often adorned with stars, living their truth in radical acts of peace and joy.

My art serves as both a refuge from the painful realities of this world, and a love letter to my ancestors for paving my way here. Using oil paint, I do not rush the opportunity given by those before me to show my gratitude; each layer serving as a token of appreciation. The vibrant images of Black folk celebrating life and culture depicted in my work, are a testament to our determination to make the most of living in a society that aims to break us. They never shy away from the gaze of the viewer; their eyes often adorned with stars, symbolic of the light within that cannot be contained. These images of radical Black peace and Joy serve as a daily reminder that despite its immense hardships, life is meant to be lived freely and without shame.

## CV

### EDUCATION

**2021** Fine Arts, Community College of Baltimore County

### EXHIBITIONS

**2020** National Juried Exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center Frederick, MD

**2022** *Learning to Love As I Do*, Motor House Gallery, Baltimore, MD

*Pop Up Gallery*, NOMU NOMU, Baltimore, MD

*Pop Up Gallery*, Love Groove Festival, Baltimore, MD