



PROFILE

My name is Vivia Barron, and my artwork is a series of acrylic on canvas paintings of African American people existing and living happily in whatever corner of history I choose. I use bold colors and lines that reveal my scenes in a form of folk art, most often Black people on a sandy coastline. I paint these people without faces, but you can see their emotion in the electric togetherness of the setting. I'm known locally for my preservation of historic photographs. Whether they be families circa St. Petersburg 1950, or abandoned snapshots found in gutted homes in gentrified neighborhoods, they retell a forgotten history. My work doesn't just tell the story of St. Petersburg, it analyzes and tells the story of Black and Brown people who deserve to have their memories materialized in art forever.

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VIVIA BARRON

ARTIST | ADVOCATE | ENTREPRENEUR

EDUCATION

International Academy of Culinary Arts and Design
Tampa/Atlanta
1998 - 2000

Academy Of Arts and Designs
Miami Florida
1996 - 1998

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vivia Barron Studio - Working Artist

2011 – Present
Fulltime Working Artist
Opened Vivia Barron studio in south St. Petersburg
Produces folk art paintings, cut silhouette on paper
Sold to collector's galleries

Southside Images - Owner

2017 - Present
Collect and curate African American Photographic images from 19th – Mid 20th century
Tintypes, Ferrotypes, CDVs, Cabinet Cards, RPPC and early snapshot

Datz - Tampa (Working Chef and Co-Owner)

2007 - 2009
Created concept and opened original Datz restaurant with Roger and Susan Perry

Vivia's Kitchen/Nutritious Tampa - (Working Chef and Owner)

2007 - 2009
Opened Vivia's Kitchen in West Tampa
Dining and catering restaurant
Nutritious Tables provided catering and consulting

Endorsements:

Consulting Chef for the American Heart Association (Nutritious Tampa)
Prepare and delivered healthy meals
Instructor Chef for American Heart Association Tampa Bay