

**WE ARE  
THE BLACK  
GOLD  
OF THE  
SUN**

**MARTHA A. WADE  
SOLO ART  
EXHIBITION**

**BLANC GALLERY CHICAGO**

**4445 S. MLK DRIVE**

**FRIDAY OCT. 23 | 6-9PM**

## **We Are the Black Gold of the Sun**

**By Martha. A. Wade**

Blanc Gallery Chicago

October 23 - November 20

*Exhibition Information*

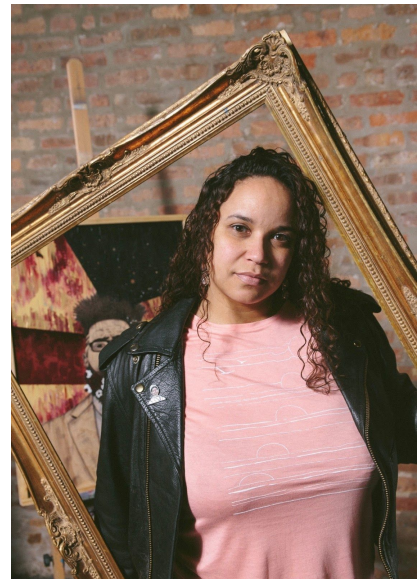
### **Artist Statement**

**We Are the Black Gold of the Sun.**

Martha Wade explores the richness and complexities of black people in her solo exhibition, ***we are the black gold of the sun***, a phrase coined by a close artist friend. The sun motif, along with stars, and strong spirit animals such as bears and whales are recurring motifs in her work to personify strength, grandeur, longevity and vitality. This is especially embodied in response to the times of social unrest, distress and duress, that often fall at the feet of black people and people of color.

Through her work, Wade seeks to depict her subjects as larger than life in stature alongside architectural linework and cityscapes, and full of life and color. The grains and shades of her wooden palettes become the skintones of her subjects, and represent the journey around the sun — both in material and the lives of the individuals. Wade lets the work speak for itself and returns back to the basics of illustration by creating detailed lineworks with ink, and remixes her own work through collage, mixed media, and works from her father, also an artist.

Wade wants the viewer to remember when looking at her work, there is always light in darkness, and we are always the brightest stars.



## Exhibition Catalog



### **Inside Your Own Universe, There is Peace**

24x30" Mixed Media

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood  
\$1,600



### **Kemet King Homecoming**

24x32" Mixed Media

Ink and Acrylic on Birchwood  
\$4,600



### **In the Mind IMHOTEP Step Pyramid**

30x40" Hand Embellished Canvas Print\*

Ink and Acrylic embellishments  
Limited Edition #1 of 10  
\$2,000

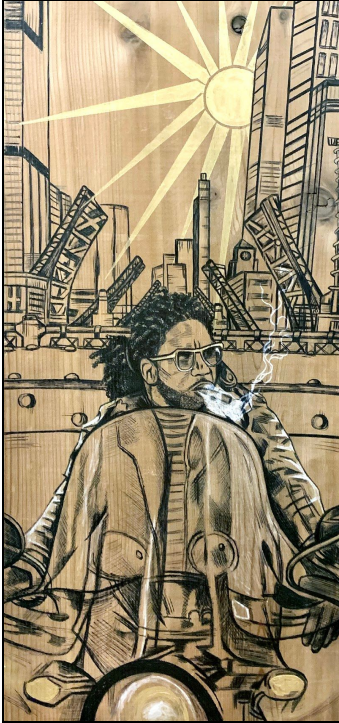


### **We Are the Black Gold of the Sun**

(Crown Royal on Chrome)

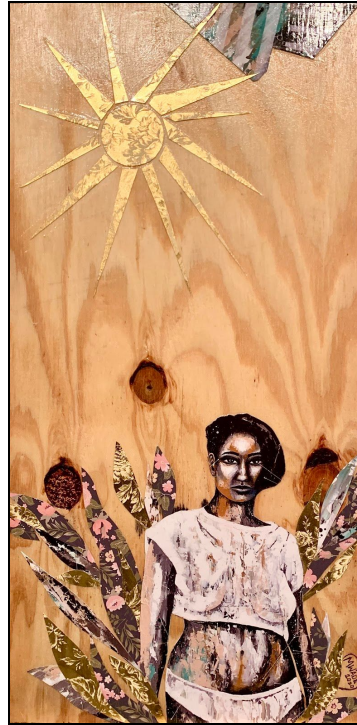
12x12" Mixed Media

Ink and Canvas Collage (print by Eda Wade) on Birchwood  
\$1,200



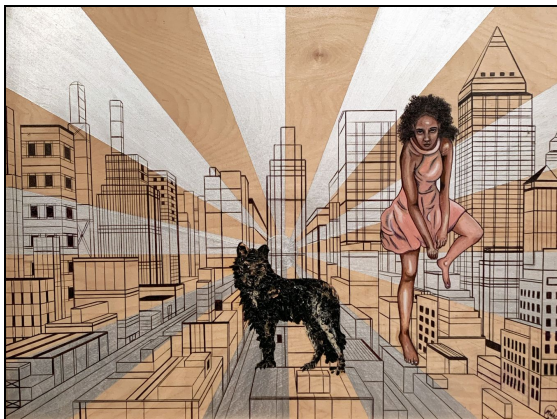
**Black Resilience**

Ink and Acrylic on Reclaimed Wood  
\$5,000



**Beautifully Flawed**

12x24" Mixed Media  
Paper Collage Remix on Reclaimed  
Wood  
\$1,200



**Chicago Girl**

24x24" Mixed Media  
Oil and Ink on Birchwood  
\$2,400



**Captured Dreams**

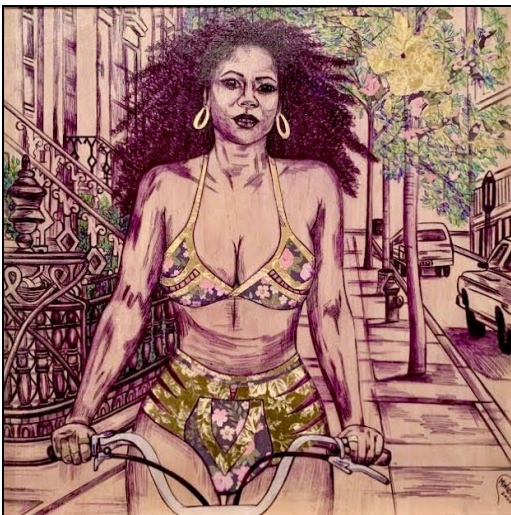
12x16" Mixed Media  
Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood  
\$800



**May the Force Be With You**  
12x24" Oil on Reclaimed Wood  
\$1,400



**Growth Mindset**  
12x24" Mixed Media  
Paper Collage Remix on Reclaimed Wood  
\$1,200



**Streets Calling Bike Club**  
(Hey, I Like Your Bike!)  
24x24" Mixed Media  
Ink and Paper Collage on Birchwood  
\$6,000



**Her Majesty Simone**  
24x24" Mixed Media  
Ink and Paper Collage on Birchwood  
\$6,000



**The Power is Within You**

*24x24" Mixed Media*

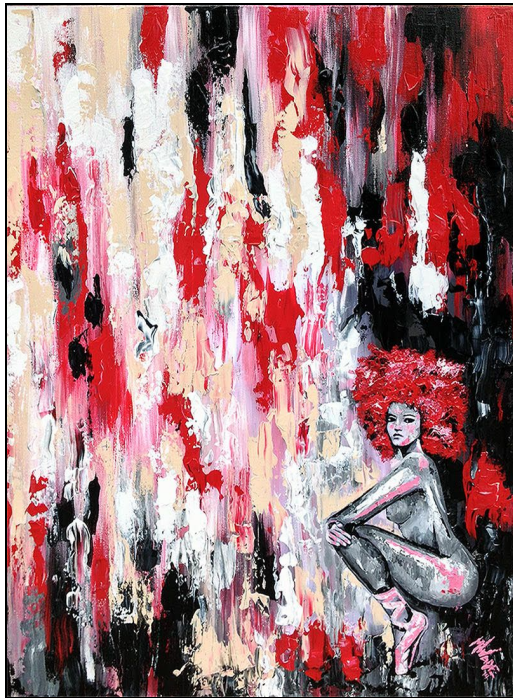
Acrylic, Paper Collage on Birchwood  
\$2,200



**Futuristic Flower Power**

*12x24" Mixed Media*

Oil on Birchwood  
\$800



**Coming Through the Fire Better**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on  
Birchwood  
\$900



**Don't Underestimate Me**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on  
Birchwood  
\$900



**Spirit Animal**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood

\$900

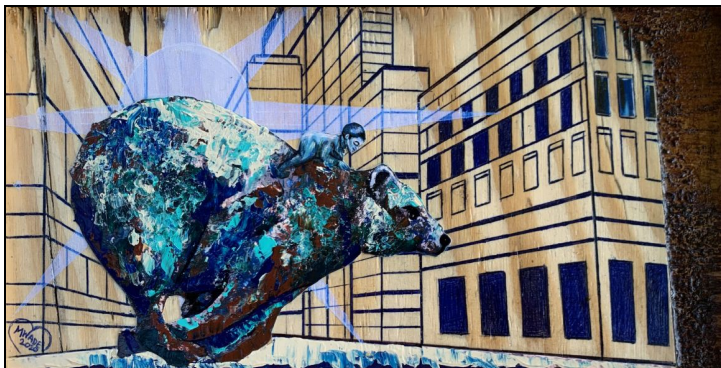


**I've Got Your Back**

*12x24" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood

\$1,200



**We Run This City**

*8x14" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood

\$900



**Loving Yourself is the Greatest Revolution**

*12x24" Mixed Media*

Acrylic and Paper Collage Remix on Birchwood

\$1,800



**Manifest Your Life**

*32x72" Mixed Media (Triptych)*

Oil, Ink and Acrylic on Birchwood

\$12,000

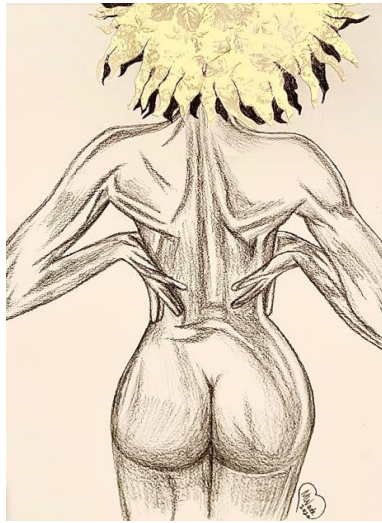




**Sunkissed**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

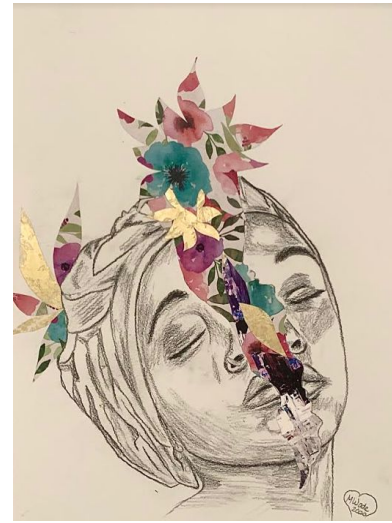
Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$600



**Say Yes**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$300



**Inner Struggles of Self  
Love**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$400  
**SOLD**



**Complex Nature**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

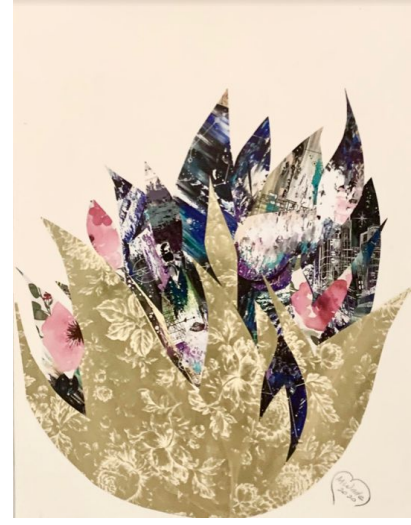
Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$600



**The Professor**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$600



**Bloom**

*12x16" Mixed Media*

Graphic and Paper Collage  
on Watercolor Paper  
\$200