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Backbone
Brian Ellison

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Opening Reception: 6 – 8 PM Friday, February 18, 2022
Artist Talks: 2 - 4 PM Saturday, February 19, 2022
Main Gallery



Brian Ellison, *Aunt Mary*, 2021, photograph. Image courtesy of the Artist

January 21, 2022. Houston, TX - Art League Houston (ALH) is proud to present *Backbone*, an exhibition by Houston-based Artist, Brian Ellison. For his installation in the ALH Main Gallery, Ellison has produced a series of video interviews, photographs and performances, as well as curated a collection of artifacts that celebrate black grandmothers. In the artist's words, it is an homage to "...the unsung heroine, the backbone of black families everywhere that have come before and those that we are blessed to still have with us. The exhibition is dedicated to the women in our lives who hold many names, yet have all embodied the same role".



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Brian Ellison is a conceptual artist who believes art is a universal language that can be the catalyst for healing. Through his lens, Brian documents the everyday Black experience such as gentrification's impact on historical communities, under-publicized Black love and comradery, parenthood, and the persistent courage of Black women and men. He directed the film, "UnMASKulinity ", and is one of the co-founders of The Black Man Project, traveling the Nation to archive the stories from black men. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ellison earned his BA in Sociology at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, and he is currently an MFA candidate at the University of Houston.

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