

**PRESTON JACKSON**

**EDUCATION: BFA, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MFA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

- REGIONAL EMMY AWARD, HOST OF “LEGACY IN BRONZE—FRESH FROM JULIEANNE’S GARDEN”
- NAMED AS A HISTORYMAKER
- 1998 LAUREATE OF THE LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS
- RHODELL OWENS AWARD, PEORIA CITY BEAUTIFUL

**MEDIA: BRONZE AND STEEL SCULPTURE, PAINTING**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- **2008-Present**      **Professor Emeritus, Sculpture Department,  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
- **2009-2010**      **Visiting Artist, Bradley University**
- **1989 – 2008**      **Sculpture Professor, Head of the Figurative Area,  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
- **1994 - 1996**      **Chair, Sculpture Department, School of the Art Institute of  
Chicago**
- **1995 - Present**      **Owner, Side View Gallery, at the Contemporary Art Center of  
Peoria**
- **1972 - 1989**      **Professor - Sculpture, Painting and Drawing, Western Illinois  
University**
- **1971 - 1972**      **Instructor - Drawing and Painting, Millikin University**

**PUBLIC SCULPTURE:**

- **“Miles Davis”**  
**Pride, Incorporated; Alton, IL** **2015**
  - **Cast Bronze, 6’**
- **“Richard Pryor: More than just a Comedian”**  
**African American Hall of Fame Museum, Peoria, IL**  
**2015**
  - **Cast Bronze, 10’**
- **“Distant Paths”, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN**  
**2014**
  - **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Monument, 8’ X 10’ X 13’h**
- **“Byways to Equality”, King Park, Urbana, Illinois**

2013

- **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Monument, 6' X 5' X 12'h**
- **“Passage to Freedom”, College of Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois  
2012**
  - **Cast Bronze Monument, 2'**
- **“Acts of Intolerance”, Springfield, Illinois  
2009**
  - **Cast Bronze Monument, Two structures, each 2' X 6' X 10'h**
- **“From the Cottonfield to the Battlefield”, City of Decatur, Illinois  
2009**
  - **Granite and Cast Bronze Relief, 5' X 3' X 9'h**
- **“Knockin’ on Freedom’s Door”, Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, Illinois  
2008**
  - **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Relief, 6' X 40'h**
- **Marie Wilkinson, Aurora Public Art Commission, Aurora, Illinois  
2008**
  - **Lifesize Cast Bronze Figure on Stainless Steel Bench**
- **“A Need to Remember”, 69<sup>th</sup> Street Station  
Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago  
2007**
  - **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Relief, 7' X 2' X 10'h**
- **“Bronzeville, A Moment in Metal”, McCormick Place West, Chicago  
2007**
  - **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Relief, 20' X 15'h**
- **City of Chicago  
2006**
  - **Cast Bronze Sculpture of Irv Kupcinec, 12'h**
- **Village of Maywood, IL  
2006**
  - **Cast Bronze Bust of Fred Hampton, 1¼ lifesize**
- **Lincoln Financial Sculpture Park – Riverwalk, Hartford, CT**
  - **“Toward Union Lines” and “Emancipation”, Cast Bronze**
  - **4'h and 3'h**
- **Northwestern University, Chicago**
  - **“Dr. Dan”, 1 ½ Lifesize Bronze Bust of Daniel Hale Williams**
- **The HistoryMakers, Chicago**
  - **Created award sculpture given to honorees**
- **Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina**
  - **Medallion for 50th anniversary *Brown v. Board of Education***

- **City of Chicago, Brainerd Library**
  - **Stainless Steel and Cast Bronze Relief of Gwendolyn Brooks, 12' X 2'h**
- **Disney, ESPN Zone, Chicago, Illinois**
  - **"Let's Play Two"--Ernie Banks Relief Sculpture, Cold Cast Bronze, 7' X 5'h**
- **City of Danville, Illinois**
  - **Martin Luther King Lifesize Memorial Bronze Bust**
- **Champaign Public Library, Champaign, Illinois**
  - **Stainless Steel & Cast Bronze Sculpture Memorial of Frederick Douglass**
  - **3' X 6' X 11'h**
- **University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois**
  - **"Animal Dignity", Stainless Steel Exterior relief sculpture, 30' X 12'**
- **Cahokia Mounds Museum, Cahokia Mounds, Illinois**
  - **Cast Bronze Building Facade and Entry and Exit Doors, 35' X 14'**
- **City of Peoria, Illinois**
  - **"Jean Baptiste Point du Sable" -- Lifesize cast bronze city monument**

*RECENT SOLO EXHIBITIONS:*

- **October-November 2016—Observations: Suns Rise. Suns Set – New Paintings  
Cinema Art Gallery, Urbana, IL**
- **September-October 2016—How and Who we Are  
Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL**
- **June-August 2016—New Paintings  
Studios on Sheridan, Peoria, IL**
- **April-May 2016—New Work  
The Cliff Dwellers, Chicago, IL**
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The Cliff Dwellers, Chicago, IL**
- **November 2015-January 2016  
Carbondale Community Arts, Carbondale, IL**
- **Fall 2015-Present  
Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, Springfield, IL**
- **September-October 2014—Junctures  
Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, Peoria, IL**

- **March-April 2014—Distant Hollerings**  
Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL
- **August 2013-June 2014—Images from the Closet Trunk**  
Purdue North Central, Westville, IN
- **July-October, 2013—Beneath the Soil**  
Illinois State Museum, Rend Lake
- **February-June 2013—Beneath the Soil**  
Illinois State Museum, Chicago Gallery
- **October, 2012 –Seeing Beyond**  
The Cliff Dwellers Club, Chicago, Illinois

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**The St. Louis American, September 24, 2015**  
**Alton bestows bronze statue in honor of Miles Davis**  
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**Downbeat Magazine, September 15, 2015**  
**Miles Davis Honored with Statue in Hometown**  
[http://www.downbeat.com/default.asp?sect=news&subsect=news\\_detail&nid=2832](http://www.downbeat.com/default.asp?sect=news&subsect=news_detail&nid=2832)

**The Alton Telegraph, August 26, 2015**  
**The making of Miles**  
<http://thetelegraph.com/news/70225/the-making-of-miles>

**WGLT Public Radio, December 10, 2014**  
**Peoria Sculptor Immortalizes Richard Pryor**

**WILL-TV, October 30, 2014**  
**Illinois Pioneers: Artist Preston Jackson**  
<http://will.illinois.edu/illinoispioneers/program/artist-preston-jackson>

**The Pantagraph, October 30, 2014**  
**Peoria plays for Pryor: A legend gets his hometown due**

**The Daily Beast, October 2014**  
**Richard Pryor gets the Last Laugh in Peoria**

**The News-Gazette, April 13, 2014**

**Studio Visit: Preston Jackson**

**The StarPress, April 11, 2014  
Sculpture's journey ends at Purdue**

**Peoria Journal Star, June 10, 2012  
Artist Preston Jackson's sperm whale makes environmental statement**