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DISTINGUISHED LOCAL ARTIST BILL HARRIS EXHIBITS AT DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

WHO: Bill Harris, renowned artist, teacher, and craftsman, whose work ranges from drawings/paintings, prints, sculpture, and wood.

A graduate of Howard University, Harris has taught art at various DC institutions, including the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Howard University, and Taft Junior High School.

His work has been featured at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the National Afro-American Exhibit of Contemporary Art, and, most recently, at the new Wilson Building exhibit.

Harris has served as a panelist for the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities and Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning.

WHAT: Retrospective exhibit featuring drawings/paintings, prints, sculpture, and woodcraft whose themes relate to the struggles and triumphs of humankind.

WHEN: Opening Reception Thursday, November 16, 5:00-7:00.
Exhibit runs through February 2 and is available to the public and media weekdays 9-5 or by appointment.

WHERE: Duke Ellington School of the Arts, 3500 R Street, NW, Washington, DC

WHY: To honor an artist whose work has inspired students for over 30 years.

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