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October 6, 2004

President Lisa Borders and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Lev Mills to serve as a member of the Public Art Advisory Committee on behalf of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years** and does not require Council confirmation.

I am confident that Mr. Mills will serve the Public Art Advisory Committee with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,


Shirley Franklin

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LEV T. MILLS

The dichotomy of Lev T. Mills' career in the visual arts has been a synthesis of a practicing artist and teacher. He classifies himself as a "constructionist" and his work continues to evolve around contemporary forms, which encompasses traditional means of expression and technology. His approach to the practical application of creating art is to continue to build/construct an idea until all joining components have been integrated into a unified visual statement.

For more than 30 years, Mills has been a serious practicing artisan who considers himself a broad-based artist whose artistry expands the boundaries of two-dimensional, relief, and three-dimensional concepts. His works have been the subject of 45 solo exhibitions and included in more than 85 group exhibitions in the United States, Europe, East, West and North Africa. Some of his works can be found in major private and public collections such as the Victoria and Albert Museum, London; The British Museum, London; The National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh; The Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris; Library of Congress, Washington; The High Museum of Art, Atlanta; and The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

Mills has published an artistic book of etchings and poems entitled, "I Do" and many of his works are featured in the following books: *Art African-American*; *Black Artists on Art*; *Afro-American Printmakers*; *American Artist Today, Vol. I*, and glass mosaic murals for a MARTA train station in Atlanta; the Atrium floor design for Atlanta's new City Hall Annex and collaborative mixed-media construction at Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta.

Mills has received numerous awards for artistic achievement. There are three other awards he treasures with equal esteem and they are: The 1996 Teacher of the Year Award at Everglades Junior High, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship at Spelman College. Professor Mills is presently serving as Chair of the Department of Art; a position he has held for nearly 14 years.

LEV T. MILLS
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FIELD OF EXPERTISE: Printmaker, Designer, Mixed-Media and Art Consultant

EDUCATION

- 1970-72 The Slade School of Fine Art, University College, London, England Post-graduate Diploma
- 1970 University of Wisconsin-Madison - Master of Fine Arts
- 1968 University of Wisconsin-Madison - Master of Art
- 1962 Florida A&M University - Bachelor of Art Education

ADDITIONAL POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

- 1986 School of Visual Arts, New York, NY - Computer Graphics Program
Summer Study
- 1972 Atelier 17" Workshop, Paris, France - Post-graduate Fellowship

EMPLOYMENT

- 2002 - Professor, Department of Art, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 1991-2002 Chair, Professor, Department of Art, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 1985-1990 Chair, Associate Professor, Department of Art, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 1978-1985 Assistant Professor of Art, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 1973-1978 Assistant Professor of Art, Clark College, Atlanta, GA
- 1962-1968 Art Teacher, Broward County Public School System, Fort Lauderdale, FL

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL /ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1994 Who's Who in American Art
- 1991 Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 1988 Presidential Award for Scholarly Achievement, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

- 1988 Bush Faculty Development Grant, Spelman College - For travel to London to complete the book, I Do, etchings and poems
- 1988 Visual Art Grant, Fulton County for the Arts - To install a computer graphic exhibition
- 1987 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition - The 5th District, Atlanta, GA
- 1987 Art Citation, Jubilee Southern Festival of the Arts
- 1987 Gallery of Distinction, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1986 James D. Parks Special Award for Artist Achievement in the Visual Arts, National Conference of Artists, Los Angeles, CA
- 1986 Sloan Grant, Spelman College - To study computer graphics at the School of Visual Arts, New York
- 1986 Artist Initiated Grant, Bureau of Cultural Affairs, City of Atlanta, GA
- 1984 The Mayors Fellowship in the Arts, City of Atlanta, GA
- 1982 Grant for Exhibitions, Department of Cultural Affairs, Atlanta, GA
- 1981 Artist Initiated Grant, The Georgia Council for Art and Humanities - Solo exhibition at the Nexus Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 1979 Who's Who in American Art
- 1979 Who's Who in America
- 1978 The Bronze Jubilee Award for Cultural Achievement, Atlanta, GA
- 1970 Ford Foundation European Study and Travel Fellowship to work at the Slade School of Fine Arts, London, England; and the Atelier 17, Paris, France with Mr. Stanley W. Hayter
- 1970 Purchase and Monetary Awards from National Prints Shows
- 1969 Outstanding Post-graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
- 1966 Teacher of the Year, Everglades Junior High School, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 1962 The Most Creative Development Award, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

SELECTED COMMISSIONS

- 2004 Glass mosaic mural, for the courts yard of The Atlanta Board of Education

- 1995 60' mixed media light sculpture, Ascension In the Millennium, Hartsfield International, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 Artwork included in a world-wide commercial for Apple Computer featuring Spike Lee
- 1989 Designed the Morehouse College Candle Award, Atlanta, GA
- 1989 The Atrium Floor Design, The Pinnacle Chamber, City Hall Annex, Atlanta, GA
- 1988 Created an award work for the Salute to the Arts Fulton County Arts Council, Atlanta, GA
- 1986 Designed Logo/Brochure for the Division of Science, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
- 1980 Designed 75th Anniversary Brochure, Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, GA
- 1979 MARTA's (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) Ashby Street Subway Murals, Atlanta, GA
- 1975 Poster Design First Mayor's Day for the Arts, Atlanta, GA
- 1974 Designed the Seal for the National Coretta Scott King Book Award, American Library Association, Chicago, IL

SELECTED MUSEUM AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

- X Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- X Ackland Museum, Chapel Hill, NC
- X The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
- X The British Museum, London, England
- X The National Library of Scotland, Edinburg, Scotland
- X The Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, France
- X The Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- X The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- X The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- X North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC
- X The American Bank, San Francisco, CA

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A COMMUNICATION
BY MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN

A COMMUNICATION APPOINTING
LEV MILLS AS A MEMBER
OF THE PUBLIC ART ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (PAAC) IN THE
ARTIST/CURATOR CATEGORY
FOR A TERM OF TWO
(2) YEARS. NO
COUNCIL CONFIRMATION NEEDED.

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Council
10/18/04
w/o objection

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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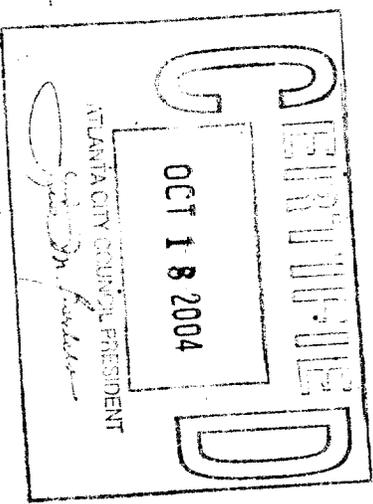
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- 2nd
- 1st & 2nd
- 3rd
- Consent
- V Vote
- RC Vote

CERTIFIED



MAYOR'S ACTION