



## THE SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Supporting the Arts

*The Society, Incorporated, Supporting the Arts, mourns the death of our Honorary Friend*

*Dr. David C. Driskell*

*The Lord called home one of the world's leading authorities on the subject of African American Art, Prof. David C. Driskell. He is highly regarded as both an artist and a scholar. Born in 1931 in Eatonton, Georgia, David C. Driskell grew up in North Carolina and completed the art program at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Maine, in 1953. He received an undergraduate degree in art from Howard University in 1955 and an M.F.A. from Catholic University of America in 1962. He then explored post-graduate study in art history at The Netherlands Institute for the History of Art in The Hague. Trained as a painter and art historian, Driskell worked primarily in collage and mixed media, and printmaking.*

*He joined the faculty of the Department of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park in 1977 and served as its Chairperson from 1978-1983. In 1995, he was named Distinguished University Professor of Art and taught until his retirement in 1998. In 2001, the University of Maryland established the David C. Driskell Center to honor Prof. Driskell as an Artist, Art Historian, Collector, Curator, and Scholar. The Center honors Prof. Driskell by preserving the rich heritage of African American visual art and culture.*

*In 2000, Prof. Driskell was honored by President Bill Clinton as one of 12 recipients of the **National Humanities Medal**. In 2005, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, GA, established the **David C. Driskell Prize**, the first national award to honor and celebrate contributions to the field of African American art and art history. In 2007, Prof. Driskell was elected as a National Academician by the National Academy. In 2016, Prof. Driskell received the **Lifetime Legacy Award** from the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture and in 2018, he was elected to the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**.*

*Dr. Driskell was selected by The Society, Incorporated to be our Honorary Friend in 2018. He was inducted at our 35th anniversary celebration. We deeply mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.*

*"To live in the Hearts we leave behind is not to die."—Thomas Campbell*

*Helping today's youth turn their creative talents, into artistic opportunities for their futures.*