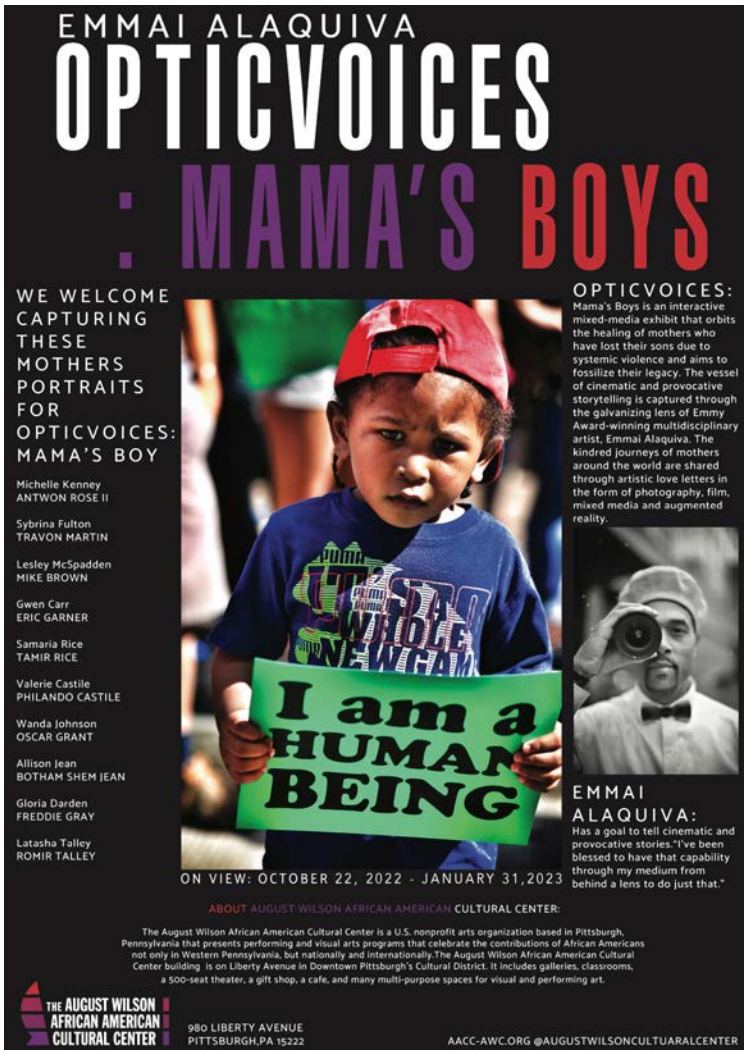



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## VALERIE CASTILE FEATURED BY OPTIC VOICES:

## MAMA'S BOYS EXHIBIT

Valerie Castile is one of the many mothers featured in the Optic Voices: Mama's Boys Exhibit. The mixed media exhibit, by award winning artist Emmai Alaquiva, hopes to re-tell the journey of these mothers, that have each tragically lost their sons due to systematic violence.

To see a video about the exhibit click here.

The exhibit runs October 22, 2022 through January 31, 2023 at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

More information about the event can be found on the AWAACC website: https://awaacc.org/events/

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## GIVE TO THE MAX IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 17. Without your generous contributions, the Philando Castile Peace Garden could not exist! Funds are used for winterizing the Garden, ongoing mulching, maintenance and care of plants, and all things that ensure the upkeep and beautification of the Garden.

Did you know that the Early Giving period for Give to the Max starts on November 1? The Peace Garden relies on your donations, and with your continued support, we hope to exceed fundraising goals for 2022! Mark your calendars and bookmark this link!: www.givemn.org/story/Philando-Castile-Peace-Garden

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## THE MEANING BEHIND THE SCULPTURES

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West

African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and honor and signify Philando and his values.







Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed, holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.

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## A VIRTUAL LOOK AT THE PEACE GARDEN SYMBOLS

Have you had a chance to take a trip to the Peace Garden yet? Here's a quick glimpse of some of the sculptures, but we highly recommend seeing the garden and the sculptures in person for the full experience!



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