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For the eighth year, the Minnesota African American Heritage Calendar Award Committee, a part of PROCEED Foundation and Progressive Baptist Church has produced the Minnesota African American Heritage Calendar to showcase the accomplishments of African-Americans with roots in Minnesota. The group is recognizing twelve individuals for sharing their creative talents and gifts and who continue to enrich and shape our culture and the overall societal culture. The individuals represent various components of the arts.

This year's theme is "The Art Of Creativity." Those being recognized are for their service in modeling the Afrocentric experience by representing the beauty and depth of heritage through the arts. Artists being recognized in the upcoming year's calendar are artist, Tacoumba Aiken, storyteller, Brenda Bell Brown, theatrical director, Lou Bellamy, musician and dancer, Kenna -Camara Cottman, philanthropist, Gary Cunningham, educator, David Ellis, singer and actress, Doris Hines, actor, T. Mychal Rambo, media icon, Robyne Robinson, Sounds Of Blackness, Carl Walker, of Walker-West Academy and writer Thomas Van Leer.

The 2014 calendar unveiling ceremony will be held on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Progressive Life Center, 1505 Burns Ave., St. Paul. The purchase of the \$12 calendar offers admission to the event.

PROCEED hopes to have the calendars placed in Minnesota school classrooms and libraries to generate dialogue among teachers and their students about Minnesota African-American history.

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The calendars go on sell on Dec. 8. To get a calendar, contact Kim White at (651) 263-5679 or by email at [wh6k@aol.com](mailto:wh6k@aol.com) , Brenda Dean at [plotpixel@hotmail.com](mailto:plotpixel@hotmail.com) , Joann Clark at (651) 238-7900 or [Clark\\_parkri@msn.com](mailto:Clark_parkri@msn.com)

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