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**Visibility / Possibility During First Friday Artwalk
Featuring Nationally Recognized Artist Lamont Joseph White**

Steamboat Springs, CO — Bliss Hall at the Depot Art Center will kick off the new year with Visibility / Possibility, a thought-provoking January exhibition by nationally recognized artist Lamont Joseph White, debuting during First Friday Artwalk on January 2 from 5:00–8:00 PM. The opening reception offers the public an opportunity to meet the artist and experience the exhibition.

The exhibition centers on White’s acclaimed Skiing in Color series, which reimagines ski and mountain culture by placing people of color at the forefront of spaces where they have historically been underrepresented. Blending portraiture, fashion, and fine art, White’s bold, vibrant imagery draws inspiration from vintage ski posters and contemporary style—challenging long-held assumptions about who belongs in winter sports and outdoor recreation.

White’s work also bridges history and the present, weaving cultural legacy into mountain landscapes. Reflecting on a piece featuring Martin Luther King Jr., White shares, “After painting this piece, I recalled MLK said ‘I’ve been to the mountaintop’ in his final speech. It gave greater meaning to my thoughts on his courage and desire for all people to not give up.” By placing iconic figures within these environments, White invites viewers to consider themes of perseverance, freedom, and visibility—and who is seen occupying these spaces.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Steamboat Creates will host a special MLK Weekend benefit dinner, Sharing the Table: Soul Food, History & Dr. King, on January 16, 2025 at the Depot Art Center. The immersive evening will bring together art, food, and storytelling, featuring a soul food menu inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s favorite dishes, curated by James Beard Award–winning author and celebrity culinary historian Adrian Miller, who will guide guests through the cultural history behind each course.

Throughout the evening, White’s Visibility / Possibility exhibition will serve as a powerful visual backdrop, deepening the connection between art, culture, and community. Proceeds from the event benefit Steamboat Creates.

Visibility / Possibility is presented as part of MLK Weekend in the Boat and is proudly supported by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation. Tickets and additional details are available at: **steamboatcreates.org**