

‘Free?’



Artist Information

Kaila Greatness Price is a graduate student in the School of Information specializing in UX Design and Research. In May 2024, Kaila is anticipated to graduate with high distinction (summa cum laude) with a Master of Science in Information Science. Along with her graduate academic career in UX Design and Research, Kaila is also a UMSI Achievement Fellow, CEW+ Irma M. Wyman Scholar, the winner of the 2023 - 2024 James S. Jackson Diversity Art Scholarship Competition, and incumbent President of the student organization Black@SI.

Art Medium and Technique

The ‘Free?’ original artwork and mini-collection are **digital collages** consisting of hundreds (sometimes thousands) of pieces/edits with imaging software (i.e., Adobe Photoshop).

Concept

‘Free?’ is a combination of sentimental family photos and a mixture of Universe, galaxy, celestial, and ‘infinity’ themes. This masterpiece pays homage to the foremothers that came before me. Ultimately, ‘Free?’ represents the importance of Black Americans living now in the present, embracing the future, and paying homage to our origins. Imagery included in ‘Free?’ features five generations of Black American womanhood:



Kaila Greatness
(The Artist)



Karla
Kaila's Mother



Edna
Kaila's Grandmother



Freddie Lee
Kaila's Great-Grandmother



Mary Ellen
Kaila's Great-Great-Grandmother

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