

## Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery

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Indigo Girl in Maroon Interior



Cherry Blossom Sun Hat Interior

### **Alvin Clayton – Afro-Caribbean Impressionist**

(April 29, 2008 — **New York**) In the gallery's first traveling show of the 2008 year we trek to the Sugar Hill area of Harlem to explore the rhythms of Afro-Caribbean Impressionist Alvin Clayton in collaboration with Sugar Hill Harlem Inn. The Sugar Hill Harlem Inn is located at 408 Convent & West 147th Street, Harlem, New York. The Reception will be held on Saturday, May 24 from 6:00 - 9:00PM. For an appointment to view Clayton's works after the opening, contact the Inn at 212.234.5432.

While Clayton's face might be familiar from fashion magazines, commercials and catalogues, his true passion lies in the brushstrokes of oil on canvas, in bold, beautiful pieces rich in lifestyle content that he has been painting for the last 17 years in Paris, LA and NY. Clayton's childhood memories of island bliss and brilliant hues in Trinidad are intricately incorporated in his trademark color style, which includes a broad use of blue. Clayton is best known for his evocative, vivid Matisse-inspired portrayals of interiors, still life's, jazz musicians, families, and seascapes. His work has appeared in the Smithsonian Center for African American Culture, the Schomburg Museum, CNN's "Style with Elsa Klench," countless TV and film productions, and art galleries with appreciative collectors spanning the US, France, and Japan. New York University purchased several pieces with one specifically to present to the Honorable Judge Robert Carter, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

Among the collectors of his work Clayton lists: actors Denzel Washington, Halle Berry, Robert DeNiro, Don Cheadle, Lynn Whitfield, Roscoe Lee Browne, Robert Townsend, Lorraine Toussaint, CCH Pounder, Kenny Lattimore, photographer Peggy Sirota, King/Drew Medical Center, NYU Michael Schlesinger, Janet Botsch, Ken and Donna Gilbert, Janice Huff, Dianne Houston, Janine Sherman, and Kenneth and Kathryn Chenault.

### **About Sugar Hill Harlem Inn**

Sugar Hill Harlem Inn is located in the landmark district of Sugar Hill, in a Victorian townhouse built in 1906, at 408 Convent Avenue in Harlem, NY. To view the Inn or make a reservation, visit [www.sugarhillharleminn.com](http://www.sugarhillharleminn.com).

### **About Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery**

Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery continues to lead the way in Harlem's cultural arts renaissance by producing an ever-changing array of imaginative and thought-provoking contemporary exhibits by established and emerging artists. Past exhibits include work by Tafa, Francks Deceus, Charly Palmer, Deborah Willis, Ray Llanos, Eric Henderson, Diane Waller, Dianne Smith, Mary Heller, and Aleathia Brown. Viewers are welcome to access additional information and a copy of this press release on [canvaspaperandstone.com](http://canvaspaperandstone.com).