



List Criteria

Primary Inclusion Criteria

1. Black Identity & Philadelphia Connection - The person must be Black and have a significant connection to Philadelphia, either historically or currently.
2. Contribution to the City - They should have made a notable contribution to the legacy or future of Philadelphia... this could be through activism, the arts, business, science, education, medicine, law, or community leadership.
3. Representation of the Black Experience - They must reflect the breadth of Black experiences in Philadelphia, from the historic to the contemporary, and from the well-known to the unsung.
4. Intergenerational Impact - The person's story should connect the past to the present, showing how their legacy or current work continues a larger historical thread or opens doors to the future.
5. Rooted in Community - Emphasis is placed on individuals who have been community-centered, working for the collective good or addressing systemic barriers with love, strategy, or creativity.

Additional Considerations for Selection

- Historical Relevance: Some individuals are chosen for their pivotal role in historical moments, such as the Great Migration, abolitionist movements, or civil rights battles.
- Narrative Depth: The person's story should offer layers that can be explored visually and emotionally, including connections to objects, photographs, or archival materials that help tell their story.
- Storytelling Potential: Individuals should have a story that can be captured in a poetic, reverent, and urgent 2–3 minute video format, even if more extended versions may be developed later.
- Diverse Backgrounds and Fields: The project intentionally seeks diversity across professions, geographies within the city, generations, and levels of fame, ensuring both household names and community heroes are included.
- Legacy & Imagination: The selected individuals are seen not just as historical figures, but as symbols of imagination, resilience, and hope for Philadelphia's future.