

# Mint affords better understanding of art

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see how purple paint would look in three dimensions. The talent of the Mint's installation team is subtly evident here as the Truitt sculpture is positioned and lit so it casts triangle shaped shadows on

the floor.  
Kara Walker, born in 1969, most often works in cutout black paper silhouettes, an art style of the 1800's, to create figures of African-Americans and whites in political statement relationships. For

her pop-up book in the collection of The Mint she worked with paper engineer David Eisen to create an image of a young black woman asking for her freedom with an offering of jewelry as we see the white master free a young

black man.  
And also a favorite in the Harris gallery is the oil on linen painting by David Kapp who must be hiding from fame. In his painting, "Walker and Broadway," he creates a beautiful, very colorful big city

street rhythm. As the abundant wall says, "By cropping the visual field and appearing to freeze action he conveys the fervent pace of New York life."  
Hours at The Mint Museum of Art are Tuesdays from 10

a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with free admission after 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 12-5 p.m. For additional information, call the museum at (704) 337-2000.

# Critics blast MTV broadcast as offensive to black women

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said. "When black on black crime is at its highest peak, we have to be vigilant in confronting degrading images about Black people, especially when it is shown to black children."

how they depict African-American women," he said. "Well, Snoop doesn't get a free pass and neither does MTV. We believe in free speech, but it has to be tempered by responsibility. There's no excuse for this portrayal."

Snoop," which first aired on July 1, was a satire of an actual Snoop appearance where women were in collars and chains.  
"We certainly do not condone Snoop's actions and the goal was to take aim at that incident for its insensitivity and outrageousness," MTV spokesman Jeff Castaneda recently said.

The show just completed its initial eight-episode run on the network and is created to appeal to teens by its 12:30 p.m. airtime, which is on Sat-

urdays.  
Other prominent blacks, including New York Daily News columnist Stanley Crouch, condemned the segment, calling it misogynist, racist and crude. He also suggested in his Daily News col-

umn that the "Where My Dogs At" segment was an extension of dehumanizing images contained in gangsta rap videos aired by MTV and projected "around the world as real" black culture."

"By having famous black people in the forefront, some corporate entities think that they will get a free pass about

The MTV2 network has not decided whether or not it will continue to air the show.  
Network officials said the episode, called "Woofie Loves

He went on to defend the

**CLASSIC RAP**



Big Daddy Kane warms it up at the Ebony Black Family Reunion in Marshall Park. Kane is credited as being one of the first stylish rappers in the game. He's known for hits like, "Warm it up, Kane" and "No Half-Stepping."

PHOTOS/CURTIS WILSON



MC Lyte proves that she's still Lyte as A Rock. One of hip-hop's first solo female MCs, Lyte took the crowd back on stage at the Ebony Black Family Reunion. Lyte's hits include "Ruff-neck" and "Paper Thin."

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Our "Athlete of the Month," Quincy Thomas, says he's been playing sports all of his life and that's why he knows so much about it. Born February 8, 1993, 13-year old Quincy has learned a lot in a few years. He says he only plays basketball (five years) and football (four years) because they are the best sports, and most entertaining. Quincy joined H.M.S. Ministries in April 2005 and has already earned team captain status. "In addition to his football skills, Quincy is an excellent basketball player, good student, and an around good kid," says Mel King, team president.

Quincy already has a spot on Coulwood Middle Schools basketball and football teams as a starter. For the football team he plays wide receiver, offensive line or defensive back, and for basketball his positions are point or shooting guard. Preparing to enter the eighth grade, Quincy is already gearing up to tackle his classes with the same passion he plays sports.

On a personal note, Quincy is glad his family relocated five years ago to their neighborhood, and says the new more positive environment has helped him become the person he is today, and allowed him to do the things he does. Quincy also gives a shout out to his mentor, Elijah Shaw and his family for their love and support. "I just thank them for taking me to games, practices and other places I like to go," said Quincy.

Quincy is the son of Walter and Edith Thomas. He has four sisters: Cindy, Stacey, Melanie and Alexis, and a little brother, Javaris. The family attends St. Michael's Anglican Church on Margaret Wallace Road.

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