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**Jamal Thorne, *Timestream Muckery*  
in the Kingston Main Gallery  
April 3–28, 2019  
Opening Reception: April 5, 5–8pm**

**SOUTH END BOSTON, MA (February 20, 2019)** – Jamal Thorne’s work references popular culture, religious iconography and symbolism to create images multi-layered with identity and personal truths. Thorne’s works, thick with layers of drawing and mixed-media, serve as a documentation of personal journeys into the past, armed with current knowledge of how those past events changed the future, affecting the present moment where the artist finds himself today. *Timestream Muckery* is on view from April 3rd through 28th, with an opening reception on First Friday April 5th from 5–8pm.

Weaving visuals of iconic moments in the the civil rights movement into the physical layers of his collages, Thorne reflects on how the inclusion of contemporary objects and figures might have changed the experience of those historical moments. His process of cutting into accumulated materials to find what’s beneath the surface makes the act of reclaiming a connection to the past a physical endeavor. Thorne yearns to fully understand the significance of these events at the time they were unfolding, wishing to reverse temporal streams to examine the past with more wisdom, growth, and maturity. Part of Thorne’s creative process is to ask questions, “What if someone had the ability to temporally displace themselves? Armed with knowledge of how specific events in the past will impact the future, which event in the past would the traveler visit? The deeper question is what would he/she change?” With layers composed of tape and paint, Thorne draws, paints, peels, tears, and builds his mixed-media collages. As a new layer covers the previous one, time moves forward, and new events occur. As in history or memory, some elements are lost, while others are preserved as indelible impressions in time.

Born in Maryland, Jamal Thorne received his BA in Photographic Media from Morgan State University in 2008. Thorne relocated to Boston where he became the pioneering student in a newly formed cooperative MFA Program between Northeastern University and The School of the Museum of Fine Art. He has exhibited his work at venues that include the James E. Lewis Museum in Baltimore, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, and the Huret and Specter Gallery in Boston. Jamal Thorne also received the Joan Mitchell Foundation MFA Grant in 2012. While continuing his work as an artist, Thorne serves as the Program Coordinator for Media Arts and Studio Art at Northeastern University's College of Art, Media, and Design.

On view concurrently in the Kingston Center Gallery and Project Space is *Unexpected Places*, an exhibition honoring the life and work of long-time gallery member, Julie Graham. Her work was inspired by her travels: wherever she went, locally or internationally, she saw unexpected juxtapositions between spaces and things, nature and the man-made, each trying to fit together in odd combinations and special configurations. Graham had her eye on oddities, strange places, and the leftover cultures that were behind walls of memories of what had been. She built her work step by step like an architect piecing together a structure in relief, in painting or as a sculpture. This posthumous exhibition showcases her mixed-media creations to their fullest.

An artist-run gallery incorporated in 1982, Kingston Gallery exhibits work of Boston-area contemporary artists. Gallery Artists specialize in a diverse range of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and installation. Kingston Gallery exhibitions are widely viewed and receive regular attention in both print and online publications including *Art in America*, *Art New England*, *Artscope*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Big Red & Shiny*. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Sunday 12-5 pm and by appointment.

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