

# ALVIN PETTIT

## Fine Arts Painter & Sculptor

Baltimore native and Jersey City based artist, Alvin Pettit, has established himself in the field of fine arts for over 30 years, and uses his talents as a tool for social change.

Pettit graduated high school from the *Baltimore School for the Arts* in 1988, and then relocated to New York where he attended the *School of Visual Arts*, earning his BFA in 1992. His professional career began in 1994, after being hired as an assistant sculptor to world-renowned artist Jeff Koons. He later solidified his reputation as a prolific creator by producing commercial illustrations and sculptures for clients such as *NBC*, *Today's Black Woman Magazine*, the *Museum of Natural History*, *Macy's Parade*, *Saks Fifth Avenue*, and more. From 2006 to 2010, Pettit was an instructor at the *Kubert School of Design*, where he trained students to become professional illustrators for companies such as *Marvel* and *DC comics*.

In 2013, Mayor Steven Fulop of Jersey City appointed Pettit as Director of the *Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center*. Since then, he has spearheaded the Center's transformation into one of the most revered cultural epicenters in the city.

Pettit currently serves on the executive boards of the *Jersey City Arts Council*, the *Jersey City Artist Certification Board*, and the *Jersey City Public Art Advisory Board*. Some of his recent achievements include the creation of Jersey City's 11½ft' *Mary McLeod Bethune Sculpture* in 2021, and most recently he was selected to create the official *Harriet Tubman Monument* for the City of Philadelphia, PA.