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## First Lady Mary Pat Christie Showcases the Artistic Contributions of Photographer Wendel White During Black History Month Exhibit at Drumthwacket

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**Trenton, NJ** - First Lady Mary Pat Christie celebrated the artistry and cultural contributions of Newark-born Wendel White during a Black History Month presentation of his photographic works at Drumthwacket, the Governor's official residence in Princeton. Mrs. Christie announced that Mr. White's portfolios, 'Small Towns, Black Lives,' and 'Schools for the Colored,' will be on exhibit in the Music Room through April 5, 2013.

"Wendel White's photographic works provide a visual illustration of New Jersey's rich and storied African American heritage," said Mrs. Christie. "I am so proud to have this opportunity to feature his creative talents and to use Drumthwacket as a means to showcase New Jersey's diversity and pride."

White's 'Small Towns, Black Lives' exhibit documents New Jersey's small, historically African American towns and settlements in the state's southernmost counties. His 'Schools for the Colored' portfolio provides a continuation of his journey through the African American landscape.

Currently a resident of Galloway New Jersey, Wendel White was born in Newark and grew up in New York, Pennsylvania, and the Garden State. He has a BFA in photography from the School of Visual Arts in New York and an MFA in photography from the University of Texas at Austin. Presently, White is a Distinguished Professor of Art at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Mr. White has received various awards and fellowships including a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in Photography, two artist fellowships from the New Jersey State Council for the Arts, a photography grant from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, and a New Works Photography Fellowship from En Foco Inc. His work is represented in museum and corporate collections.

The Drumthwacket Foundation has an active art loan program in partnership with many New Jersey museums and private individuals. The program provides the opportunity to feature the works of New Jersey artists and New Jersey themed works of art to the public at the Governor's official residence.

Individuals can view the Wendel White exhibit during public tours of Drumthwacket, which are scheduled on any Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. To participate in a tour, visitors must register at [www.drumthwacket.org](http://www.drumthwacket.org). For more information or questions regarding tours and exhibits, email [info@drumthwacket.org](mailto:info@drumthwacket.org) or call 609-683-0057, extension 5. School groups should follow the same process to schedule a tour.

To learn more about the photographic works of Wendel White, visit [www.wendelwhite.com](http://www.wendelwhite.com).

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The works of Newark-born photographic artist Wendel White are celebrated during Black History Month celebration at Drumthwacket.

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