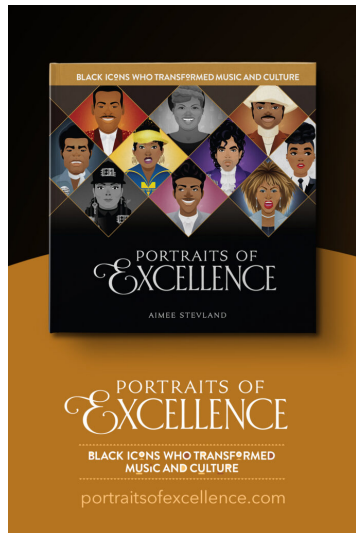


# Portraits of Excellence: Black Icons That Transformed Music and Culture

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## BOOK DETAILS

**Genre** Non-Fiction

## LOGLINE

Portraits of Excellence reimagines cultural royalty and invites you to meet the Black creators behind our culture through this vibrant collection of FIFTY stunning portraits. No other title blends recognizable portraiture, cultural history, and playful nostalgia to share the truth behind American culture.

## SUMMARY

COMING IN 2026 Cultural Royalty Reimagined. This vibrant 'art gallery in a book' showcases fifty iconic Black creators, from household names like Marvin Gaye, Grace Jones, and Janet Jackson to lesser-known figures whose cultural contributions have shaped our everyday lives. Each full-page portrait blends Saturday morning cartoon charm with the nobility of classical Greek busts, creating striking new imagery that invites readers to meet the faces behind the music, styles, and stories that make our culture what it is today. Perfect for educators, art lovers, music fans, and anyone who appreciates pop culture and its history. 50% of net proceeds from this book will be donated annually to black-led cultural and educational organizations.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aimee Stevland is a San Francisco Bay Area artist with decades of design experience in music merchandising, brand design, and illustration. She grew up near Detroit, where she began creating portraits of her musical heroes—an interest she has quietly nurtured for over 30 years. Living with focal dystonia, a neurological condition affecting her drawing hand, she adapted to digital art, bringing renewed perspective, care, and authenticity to her vibrant portraits.

## LINKS & CONTACT

### Official Site:

<https://portraitsofexcellence.com/>

