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## A Painting Becomes a Platform: Ahkeem Shaw's Echoes Of Time Unmuted Inspires a Women's Storytelling Movement.

**MIAMI, FL, March 2026** - Contemporary visual artist **Ahkeem Shaw** has unveiled his newest original artwork, **Echoes Of Time Unmuted**, a powerful and emotionally layered piece honoring the resilience, courage, and enduring voices of women. Released during **National Women's History Month**, the work has quickly evolved beyond the canvas, sparking a storytelling movement that invites women to reflect on and share the moments that shaped their voice.



Echoes Of Time Unmuted | 4'x4' Original Artwork by Ahkeem Shaw

At the center of the artwork is a young woman pulling tape from her mouth, enduring the sting of the moment while reclaiming her voice. Through symbolic layers of clothing that blend Victorian tradition with a textured futuristic jacket, the piece bridges history and futurity, representing the weight of inherited expectations alongside the strength and agency women continue to claim today.

Painted on wood rather than canvas, the raw grain and textured surface reinforce the layered journey represented within the work, a journey marked by resilience, resistance, and transformation.

What began as a single artwork has already grown into something larger.

Inspired by the powerful reactions the piece has sparked, Shaw partnered with **micheck™**, a next-generation cultural media and print-tech platform producing **unmute.\***, a storytelling initiative inviting women to share reflections on the moments that shaped their voice, from stories of resilience and courage to leadership, healing, and transformation.

As part of this initiative, women are invited to sit with the artwork and share their natural reactions and personal reflections, creating a living dialogue between the piece and the voices it inspires.



To bring this experience into the community, Echoes Of Time Unmuted will be presented as a featured installation on **March 25** as part of Women’s History Month programming in **Miami’s Wynwood Arts District**, through a collaborative partnership between micheck™, **Northeastern University Miami**, the **Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County**, the **Wynwood Business Improvement District (BID)**, and the **Wynwood Chamber of Commerce**.

Hosted at Northeastern University Miami, the event; **Breaking Barriers: Women Leading Innovation** will explore how women are shaping today’s innovation ecosystem across business, technology, entrepreneurship, and community development.

During the event, attendees will encounter a unique installation centered around the artwork, including “The Unmute Chair,” a single chair placed in front of the painting where women are invited to sit, reflect, and—if moved—share the story that shaped their voice.

The chair transforms the installation into a symbolic and reflective space where personal stories become part of a larger cultural conversation.

These reflections will contribute to the growing unmute. storytelling platform—an evolving archive designed to amplify women’s voices and inspire others through shared experience.

“What began as a deeply personal work has quickly grown into something much larger,” said Shaw. “The women in my life have shown me what strength truly looks like. If this piece can create even a small space where women feel seen, heard, and empowered to share their story, then it has already fulfilled its purpose.”

The event will also feature a panel discussion highlighting influential leaders driving innovation across industries:

### Panelists

[Julieta Moradei](#)

Managing Partner & Founder, Overlay Capital Build  
Women Who Empower 2025 Innovator Award Fellow

[Danielle Mousseau](#)

Director of Economic Development  
35 Mules at Florida Power & Light

[Dami Osunsanya](#)

General Partner, Athena Capital

### Moderator

[Maria Alonso](#)

Regional Dean & CEO  
Northeastern University Miami



## Program Agenda

- 9:00 AM – Check-In, Coffee & Light Breakfast
- 9:30 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 9:45 AM – Panel Discussion: Breaking Barriers: Women Leading Innovation
- 11:00 AM – Structured Networking
- 12:00 PM – Chamber Lunch (Optional)

By combining art, storytelling, and community dialogue, Echoes Of Time Unmuted and the unmute. initiative demonstrate how a single artwork can evolve into a shared platform for reflection and empowerment—allowing women’s voices to resonate far beyond the moment they are spoken.

### About Ahkeem Shaw

Ahkeem Shaw is a contemporary visual artist whose work explores themes of faith, identity, courage, and human transformation. Known for richly textured surfaces and symbolic storytelling, Shaw’s work captures moments where personal truth intersects with history and the future individuals choose to step into.

### About micheck™

micheck™ is a next-generation media and print-tech platform by Peppers Media Group, dedicated to documenting culture, amplifying powerful voices, and creating immersive storytelling experiences across art, entertainment, and community. Through editorial storytelling and cultural initiatives such as unmute., micheck™ explores how human voices shape identity, connection, and cultural evolution.

### About Northeastern University Miami

Northeastern University Miami is a graduate campus located in the heart of the Wynwood Arts District, focused on experiential learning, innovation, and industry collaboration across business, technology, and entrepreneurship.

### About the Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County

The Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County is dedicated to advancing women in business through advocacy, education, and strategic connections that empower women leaders across industries.

### About the Wynwood Business Improvement District (BID)

The Wynwood BID supports the economic vitality and cultural development of the Wynwood Arts District through strategic programming, placemaking, and community partnerships.

### About the Wynwood Chamber of Commerce

The Wynwood Chamber of Commerce is a business organization dedicated to supporting economic growth, collaboration, and community development in Miami’s Wynwood Arts District—bringing together entrepreneurs, creatives, and industry leaders to strengthen Wynwood’s position as a global hub for art, culture, and innovation.





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