

## ABOUT RECHERCHÉ

Founded in 1983, Recherché is one of the longest standing independent artists' cooperatives in the city of Philadelphia.

**From the catalog:**

Recherché is an organization of African American artists born of a reaction to attitudes of exclusion. It is a group encompassing several styles and approaches to the creative process, and its purpose is clear: to make our work visible as a collective and to make viable the reality of its quality and relevance. Recherché exists to affirm the universal struggle of *all* artists in expressing individual sensitivity to order and form.

The challenge for the African American artist is the same as it has been historically for all artists: a search for a means of expression relative to the time and place and culture in which he or she lives. It is a testament to the human creative impulse that the black artist has continued to create in the face of discouraging odds.