

# Donald 'C-Note' Hooker: Celebrating an Unsung Hero of Black History Month

*Donald 'C-Note' Hooker: It's Time to Recognize His Art, His Activism, His Impact*

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- In the rich tapestry of Black History Month, Donald "C-Note" Hooker emerges as a figure of profound significance and inspiration, yet remains largely underrecognized. An artist of remarkable talent and a fervent advocate for justice, Hooker's journey and contributions offer a compelling narrative that enriches the understanding of African American history.

## WHO IS DONALD "C-NOTE" HOOKER?

Donald "C-Note" Hooker is an artistic powerhouse and activist whose creativity was ignited within the confines of a prison cell. Through visual art, poetry, and theatrical productions, C-Note provides a voice to the often silenced perspectives of prisoners, offering an intimate look into the complexities of the U.S.

criminal justice system. His work not only sheds light on the challenges of incarceration but also celebrates the resilience and spirit of those behind bars.

A CATALYST FOR CHANGE



C-Note performing 'Birth of a Salesman,' in front of a crowd at CSP-LAC.



Artist's Billboard, "Look Up!" Featuring "Incarceration Nation" by Billboard Banksy

C-Note's art transcends the boundaries of prison walls, challenging perceptions and sparking dialogue on critical issues such as systemic mass imprisonment and the need for prison reform. In 2018, his paintoem "Today We Are Sisters" brought attention to the forced sterilization of female prisoners in California, showcasing his commitment to advocating for the marginalized and oppressed.

#### A LEGACY BEYOND ART

Beyond his artistic achievements, C-Note's influence has inspired significant initiatives, including the groundbreaking prison reentry project, BREAK IT TO MAKE IT (BITMI), which offers comprehensive support for the incarcerated. His work on billboards, fashion lines, and book covers continues to advocate for justice and reform, making a lasting impact on society.

#### WHY CELEBRATE DONALD "C-NOTE" HOOKER?

Recognizing Donald "C-Note" Hooker during Black History Month allows us to honor an individual who embodies resilience, creativity, and advocacy. His unique perspective and contributions provide a deeper, more inclusive understanding of the African American experience, challenging stereotypes and fostering a dialogue that transcends the prison system.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us acknowledge and honor the extraordinary life and work of Donald "C-Note" Hooker, whose legacy of art and advocacy continues to inspire and effect change.

To learn more in-depth about "Donald "C-Note" Hooker: Celebrating an Unsung Hero of Black History Month," be sure to check out the blog, or audio versions on Spotify or YouTube.

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<https://www.c-note.org/donald-c-note-hooker-an-underrated-figure-of-black-history-month/>

The Silent Giant of Black History: Exploring the World of Donald 'C-Note' Hooker by C-Note | Spotify Podcast

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/cnote1/episodes/The-Silent-Giant-of-Black-History->



**Image of Artist. See lower left.**

MERCY, a fashion line by fashion designer Makenzie Stiles featuring artwork by C-Note. Photo by CCAD.edu.

[Exploring-the-World-of-Donald-C-Note-Hooker-e2g155v](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wheKeB4NQBO&si)

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