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T.I.M.M.-E. Co. INC. Announces Book: Diana Ross #Star80+ A Celebration of 80 Gowns, **Dolls and Years**

New York, NY – March 31, 2025 – Fabric artist, children's author, and educator Timothy Bellavia announces the release of his new book, Diana Ross #Star80+ A Celebration of 80+ Gowns, Dolls & Years slated for publication in late Spring 2025. This 32-page picture book commemorates the #Star80 doll project, a multi-media celebration of the legendary Diana Ross, coinciding with her 80th birthday in 2024.

#Star80+ chronicles Bellavia's endeavor, which featured the creation of 80 + dolls, each meticulously crafted to reimagine Diana Ross's iconic gowns using only recycled, repurposed and reused materials. This project, conceived, produced and directed by Bellavia, evolved into a YouTube web series and social media events, showcasing interviews, fan tributes, and fashion-focused content, all honoring Ross's enduring cultural impact.

X3 For over 25 years, Timothy Bellavia has dedicated his artistry to celebrating individuality and fostering connection. His journey began with the patented Sage doll, designed for his We Are All the Same Inside® book series and doll-making workshops, celebrating human commonality.

#Star80 captures the essence of this remarkable digital storytelling project showcasing Bellavia's dedication to innovation in arts education. "This book is a testament to the power of finding success in your own unique way," says Timothy Bellavia. "Through Diana Ross #Star80+ A Celebration of 80 Gowns, Dolls and Years, I hope to inspire readers to embrace their individuality and celebrate the connections that unite us ... and most importantly the people that inspire us."

Highlights of Diana Ross #Star80+ A Celebration of 80 Gowns, Dolls & Years

- A 32-page picture book
- Over 80 unique dolls reimagining Diana Ross' iconic gowns.
- QR Codes with digital storytelling and #Star80 interviews with Michael Musto, Patrick L. Riley, Grammy-winning songwriter Franne Golde and Andy Skurow, among others
- Exclusive pictures from a #Star80 workshop with 25 school-aged children.
- Diana Ross' career highlights illustrated with #Star80 dolls.

About Timothy Bellavia:

Over the past few decades, Timothy Bellavia has collaborated with several non-profits including Sesame Workshop, Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation and Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz. TIMM-E Co. INC. has been a recipient of several arts and digital education awards and now serving as an integral part of the five-year research project to highlight the importance of including STEM topics into elementary school's curriculum. The research is funded through an Education Innovation research (EIR) grant from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OSE).

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