

# TIGER

George Carey (1942-2010)

and Key West High School students

Scrap Steel 1988

George Carey, artist and sculptor, epitomizes the spirit of Key West, the Island of the Arts. His many signature works were created with the assistance of KWHS shop students, each school mascot created from scrap steel are beloved icons. As with all of his works, the Tiger draws attention in his sun-drenched intensity.

Key West City Hall was originally constructed as Monroe County High School in 1923. Over the next 90 years the school served as a high school, middle school, and finally as an elementary school named for Glynn Archer, a long-serving local educator.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, a smooth transition occurred as the all Black High School closed and the Frederick Douglass students were integrated into the Key West High School. In 1988, artist Carey and his students created the "Fighting Tiger" mascot of Douglass High School in honor of those students.