CUTTING A FIGURE, CHAPTER 3: "BARKLEY L. HENDRICKS’S AFRO-SHRINE"

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

COMPULSIVE ARTIFICE

“Terrible ... Beautiful Beings”

“IDEOLOGY & STYLE ARE THE SAME THING.”
AMIRI BARAKA, 1970

Barkley and Clyde

“Niggers is People”

Barkley L. Hendricks, *Sir Charles, Alias Willie Harris*, 1972. Oil and acrylic on canvas, 84 1/8 x 72 inches.
The sly, the slick and the wicked

Barkley L. Hendricks, *In the Crosshairs of the States*, 2016. Oil and acrylic on canvas with bunting and confederate flag, 35 ½ inches diameter.
What Hendricks Hath Wrought...
Left: Kurt Kauper, *Michelle Obama*, 2008; Right: Kehinde Wiley, From the *Black Light* series, 2008-09