

# University Museum

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## **For the Sake of Art: A Wearable Art Competition and Fundraiser**

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the University Museum will become an exciting venue for unique presentations by some of the most talented artists working today. To celebrate the historic Hannah Hall murals at Texas Southern University, fifteen finalists from the museum's first wearable art competition will present fantastic and improvisational designs directly inspired by the TSU murals. Coordinated by designer Toni Whitaker, the competition **For the Sake of Art** features individual artists as well as teams from throughout the country. Jurors for the event are Chloe Dao, Cesar Galindo, and Anita Smith. The special evening will be hosted by Lloyd Gite and Joy Sewing. Three prize winners will be selected and announced at the cocktail celebration, and a People's Choice award will be determined by guests at the event.

Simultaneously on view at the museum will be the exhibition **Converging Voices, Transforming Dialogue: Selections from the Elliot and Kimberly Perry Collection**. Seen for the first time in Houston, this major collection of modern and contemporary art includes works by Jacob Lawrence, Elizabeth Catlett and John Biggers as well as contemporary artists such as Kehinde Wiley, Chakia Booker, Deborah Wood and Lynette Yiadom-Boakye. The exhibition will remain on view through August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Major sponsors for the fundraiser are Atwood Oceanics, Arivv Management, International Connections of Houston, Sandra Baccus, Byronne Hearn, and the Volunteer Circle of the University Museum. Silent auction items will include works of art by TSU art faculty and students. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Texas Southern University Mural Task Force and the University Museum's educational programs.

Tickets for the event are \$75.00 each. For further information please call Chrystal Robinson-Davis.