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Flint Institute of Arts Opens Promises of Freedom Exhibition

(Flint, MI) The Flint Institute of Arts will open ***Promises of Freedom: Selections from the Arthur Primas Collection*** on February 27. The exhibition of over 60 works includes the art of Jacob Lawrence, Hughie Lee-Smith, Romare Bearden and Bob Thompson among others and offers a glimpse into the private desires and public proclamations of these artists.

The Arthur Primas Collection is one of the most important collections of African American Art in the country. Mr. Primas is not only a respected art collector, but also an entertainment promoter whose most well-known client is actor/director Tyler Perry. " This collection has been assembled because each work of art captured my eye and pulled me in. It might have been the movement in the piece, or the combinations of colors. Whatever it was, it caused me to pause and listen for the message," said Mr. Primas.

The FIA will celebrate the opening of the exhibition with a Community Gala on Saturday February 26 from 6 to 9:30p. Mr. Primas will attend the event, which will also feature a lecture by Juanita Moore at 6pm followed by cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music from The Allan Barnes Quartet and a viewing of the exhibition. Admission for this event is \$35 for FIA members, and \$50 for non-members (includes a six-month membership). Reservations are required.

The exhibition will continue through April 17, 2011. For more information about the exhibit or to make a reservation for the Gala, please call 810.234.1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.

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