OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

13th Annual Community Gala

January 25, 2020
The Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) has served Flint and the surrounding areas for more than 90 years to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through our collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. As the second largest art museum in Michigan and one of the largest museum art schools in the United States, more than 160,000 people visit its galleries and participate in its programs and services.

The FIA is a critical force for positive change in Flint and essential to the city’s quality of life and economic vitality. Genesee County has come to depend on a vibrant arts and cultural community to attract talent, business investment and simply make it a great place to live, work and explore. It is our intention, through our varied programs, to serve as agents of social change, creating experiences filled with wondrous things that remind us of what it is to be human, and to stimulate dialog around issues that increase empathy and compassion. As the priorities of our community evolve, the FIA strives to adapt its programming to bring art experiences to those who will benefit most.

FIA’s special events have proven to be a most effective marketing tool for sponsors to impress the community with their generosity in support of a highly recognized public institution. **Sponsor benefits are designed to help you achieve brand awareness, provide event tickets for client/employee entertainment, and achieve your philanthropic goals.**

Special events like the Community Gala are made possible through contributions by the generous donors of the FIA. Proceeds from the event directly support exhibitions and expanding the African American art collection.

Together, we can creatively improve the reputation and vitality of Flint. We thank you for your consideration and hope to see you at the next special event!
Community is defined as “a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common, especially one practicing common ownership.” In the case of a museum, the community is not just about people living in the same place, but people coming to the same place and practicing the common ownership of their museum collection. In this spirit, the exhibition Community celebrates works by African American artists in the Flint Institute of Arts collection.

Unique to this exhibition, there will also be an opportunity for visitors to vote for one of three works by artists not currently in the collection (to be revealed at the Community Gala exhibition opening on Saturday, January 25).

Voting will take place through March 8th. The work with the largest number of votes will be purchased by the museum using funds raised by the Community Gala. This voting process and purchase reinforces both the idea that the works in the FIA belong to the community, as well as underling the collection’s capacity for change and future growth.

The exhibition will feature works in various mediums by some of the most important artists from the 19th century to present day, exploring themes related to community, including ideas of history and place, identity and representation, and social justice and self-expression. Artists include: Romare Bearden, Chakaia Booker, Elizabeth Catlett, Jacob Lawrence, Hughie Lee-Smith, Renee Stout, Kara Walker, Yvonne Wells, among many others.
**SAVE THE DATE**

13th Annual Community Gala  
January 25, 2020  
Lecture: Promptly 6:00pm (doors open at 5:45pm)  
Gala: 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Attire: Cocktail  
Valet: Complimentary at North Entrance

**LOCATION**

Flint Institute of Arts  
1120 E. Kearsley Street  
(810) 234.1695  
flintarts.org

**PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS FEATURED**

- **2008**  Something To Look Forward To  
- **2009**  Beyond the Frame: African American Comic Book Artists  
- **2010**  Mary Lee Bendolph: Gee’s Bend Quilts, and Beyond  
- **2011**  Promises of Freedom: Selections from the Arthur Primas Collection  
- **2012**  Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney  
- **2013**  Winfred Rembert: Amazing Grace  
- **2014**  Point of View: Contemporary African American Art from the Elliot and Kimberly Perry Collection  
- **2015**  Common Ground: African American Art from the Flint Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and the Muskegon Museum of Art  
- **2016**  From Heart to Hand: African American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts  
- **2017**  Women of a New Tribe  
- **2018**  Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence  
- **2019**  Engaging African Art: Highlights from the Horn Collection & Vanessa German: Miracles and Glory Abound
The Flint Institute of Arts’ Community Gala is an annual diversity initiative presented in conjunction with an exhibition in celebration of Black History Month. The event will feature a lecture, strolling supper, live musical entertainment, and a cash bar. Proceeds from the Gala support exhibitions and help to expand the African American art collection at the FIA.

**SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 25, 2020**

**SPONSOR LEVEL & BENEFITS**

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Sponsors are guaranteed to be listed on the invitation and all other promotional materials if received by Friday, December 13, 2019. Final deadline for sponsorship is Friday, January 10, 2020.

DONOR NAME  Please print name of individual or business as it should appear on printed materials.

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CONTACT NAME  All correspondence will be mailed to the contact below, including physical tickets to the event.

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ADDRESS

CITY ___________________________ STATE _____ ZIP CODE ___________

PHONE _______________ EMAIL ___________________________

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

$250 – Friends  $500 – Bronze  $1,000 – Copper  $1,500 – Silver  $2,500 – Gold  $5,000 – Platinum

PAYMENT METHODS

☐ Pay by Check (Payable to Flint Institute of Arts)  ☐ Pay by Credit

___ VISA  ___ MasterCard  ___ Discover  ___ American Express

ACCOUNT# ________________________________ EXP. DATE _____/___________ CVC# ______

SIGNATURE ________________________________

• Mail, email, or fax completed form to:
  Attn: Gala 2020
  Flint Institute of Arts
  1120 E. Kearsley Street
  Flint, MI 48503
  Fax 810.234.1692
  Email events@flintarts.org

Proceeds from the Gala support exhibitions and help to expand the African American art collection at the FIA. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization – Federal Tax I.D. #38-1539984