

Brooklyn Museum

Press Release

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The Fund for African American Art at the Brooklyn Museum Honors Pamela J. Joyner at Its Annual Benefit, Thursday, March 16, 2017

The Brooklyn Museum's Fund for African American Art Benefit honors Pamela J. Joyner, a groundbreaking and innovative art collector and champion of artists of African descent. Joyner's advocacy has had a significant impact in the field and has led to the wider recognition of many artists of African descent. This year's annual benefit and accompanying public program will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The program will begin at 6 pm.

The Fund was founded in 2010 to support and encourage purchases and gifts of pre-1945 art by leading African American artists. The Fund enables the Brooklyn Museum to represent the depth of African American artistic practice over the course of two centuries more fully and permanently than any other New York museum. Recent acquisitions include Laura Wheeler Waring's *Woman with Bouquet* (circa 1940), Edward M. Bannister's *Untitled (Cow Herd in Pastoral Landscape)* (1877), Beauford Delaney's *Untitled (Fang, Crow and Fruit)* (1945), and Nancy Elizabeth Prophet's *Untitled (Head)* (circa 1930).

Kicking off the event will be a public program featuring a series of rapid-fire conversations with artists Simone Leigh, Hugo McCloud, Julie Mehretu, and Jack Whitten. During the conversations, moderated by curator



Pamela J. Joyner. Photo by Linda Ny Lind

Rujeko Hockley, each participant will discuss an artist of African descent from a previous generation who has been important to her or his work. Tickets for the public program are \$20 for Members and \$25 for non-Members. Please visit www.brooklynmuseum.org/calendar for tickets and more information.

The evening will continue with a reception and seated dinner beginning at 7 pm.

Dinner tickets include access to the conversation and reception. Tickets are available for:

- \$1,000 (Friend) – seating for 1
- \$1,500 (Leader) – seating for 1
- \$5,000 (Donor) – seating for 6*
- \$10,000 (Benefactor) – seating for 10
- \$15,000 (Leader) – seating for 10
- \$25,000 (Sponsor) – seating for 10

*Limited quantity available during pre-sales only.

Dinner tickets can be purchased online at www.brooklynmuseum.org/support/fund_for_african_american_art_form or by contacting FAAA@brooklynmuseum.org or 718.501.6423.

About Pamela J. Joyner

Pamela J. Joyner has nearly 30 years of experience in the investment industry. She is the Founder of Avid Partners, LLC, where her expertise has been in the alternative investment arena. Currently, Joyner is focused on her philanthropic interests in the arts and education.

Additionally, Joyner is a Trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago, a Trustee of the Tate Americas Foundation, and a Trustee of the J. Paul Getty Trust. She is also a member of the Tate International Council and the Tate North America Acquisitions Committee, a member of the Director's Circle of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and a member of the Modern and Contemporary Art Visiting Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Joyner is also Director of First Republic Bank. In the education arena, Joyner serves on the board of the Art & Practice Foundation.

Previously, Joyner's philanthropic involvements have included serving as a member of President Obama's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, a Trustee of Dartmouth College and Chair of the Investment Committee, a Trustee of the New York City Ballet, a Board Member of the School of American Ballet, a Trustee and Co-Chair of the San Francisco Ballet Association, a Board Member of the MacDowell Colony, and a Trustee of the Asian Art Museum, as well as other arts and educational organizations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission:

Contribution: \$16; students with valid I.D. and seniors \$10. Ages 19 and under FREE. Also FREE: first Saturday of the month (except September), 5–11 pm. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling 718.501.6234.

Discounted \$12 tickets for *Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern* are available during *Target First Saturdays*.

Programs are subject to change without notice. For more information, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/ Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 2 or 3.
Bus: B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday and Friday, 11 am to 6 pm; Thursday, 11 am to 10 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm; first Saturday of each month (except September), 11 am to 11 pm. Closed Monday, Tuesday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.