

TALKING BEAUTY

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Fashion, beauty, entertainment and “#blackgirlmagic” converge at 2017 Harlem Fine Arts Show

*Beauty expert Mikki Taylor, and designer Barbara Bates bring wit, wisdom,
fashion and beauty to HFAS*

Jazz vocalist Denise Young premieres new album

(NEW YORK) - - The **Harlem Fine Arts Show (HFAS)** knows its diverse, eclectic and well-heeled patrons are always in search of the best of everything, be it art, fashion, entertainment or beauty products. This year HFAS has partnered with two powerhouses in fashion and beauty, and a noted jazz vocalist to sprinkle a little ‘#black girl magic’ during its celebrated arts gathering. HFAS runs February 16 – 19 at Riverside Church in Harlem.

Premier Bay Area jazz/classical vocalist, **DENISE YOUNG**, will perform during the Opening Reception of this year’s HFAS, Thursday, February 16, accompanied by the virtuosic piano of **Daric V. Jackson**. Her album *Denise Young, Soprano*, features a reinterpretation of the **Duke Ellington** classic, “*Come Sunday*”. The album was produced, recorded and mixed by **Patti Cathcart Andress** and **Tuck Andress**, better known as **Tuck and Patti**. *Come Sunday* was inspired by Dr. King's words. The artist cites it as her effort to promote healing during tumultuous times. Young's scintillating, smoky soprano offers an anthem that invokes the passion and pathos of great singers like Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington and Cassandra Wilson. The poignant lyrics “*God of love, please look down and see my people through. I believe God is now, was then and always will be*” are meant to inspire and unify, just as they did when Ellington penned them during the days of Jim Crow.

Beauty authority and influencer **MIKKI TAYLOR** will host the third event in the “**TALKING BEAUTY**” brunch series during the HFAS on Saturday, February 18, from 11 am to 3 pm. The intimate afternoon of food, fellowship, and talking beauty is a unique space where real women share real talk about real beauty issues, challenges, and successes.

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Black Girl Magic at HFAS NYC

Joining Taylor will be “**TALKING BEAUTY**” co-founder, celebrity wardrobe director, brand strategist and fashion industry professional, **PAMELA MACKLIN**, who will share her fashion expertise with those attending the brunch. After 30+ years of being lauded as the leading beauty authority and influencer for women of color—sharing the what, where and why to buy, Mikki Taylor is now turning the conversation over to her audience of Beauty Enthusiasts. Taylor, leading and moderating the conversation looks to engage and encourage her audience in an atmosphere of intimacy and trust to talk beauty. What are her beauty issues, challenges, and needs? What are her must-haves and guilty beauty pleasures? What does she buy, where does she look for alternatives, and why? What does she want, and/or finds lacking in the multitude of beauty products, services, and treatments targeting her? How does she feel about the marketing devices used to capture her attention? Tickets to the brunch must be purchased separately. Visit <http://bit.ly/HFASTalkBeauty>

Chicago’s **BARBARA BATES** has dressed trendsetters for more than 30 years, including Oprah Winfrey, Will Smith, Steve Harvey, Cece Winans and Michael Jordan. The self-taught designer also showed off her design chops on the inaugural season of the NBC Reality Show ***Fashion Star***, where some of her individually produced pieces, were mass manufactured for Macy’s. Once the best kept secret in Chicago, Bates Design is now operating on a national stage, and she will bring her latest collection, “**Real Women Wear Barbara Bates,**” to the Harlem Fine Arts Show on Saturday, February 18, at 6:45 pm. She’ll be showing off her signature designs always delivered in an unexpected way - with lux buttons, her beloved leather whimsically crafted outfits, or just the right trim and always, always the most sumptuous fabrics. Her signatures - the peplum dress and puffy pocket are staples, and this show will feature her distinctive, one of a kind coats. All the clothes are made for real woman who can rock an outfit whether they’re 25 or 65. The noted philanthropist has also donated nearly \$600K to breast cancer education for women of color.

For more information, or to purchase tickets visit <http://bit.ly/2HFASNYC17>

About the Harlem Fine Arts Show

First held in February 2010 in New York City, the **Harlem Fine Arts Show** has attracted more than 80,000 visitors to venues, including Martha’s Vineyard, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and New York. Attendees include collectors, art enthusiasts, educators, students, and professionals. Over 50 nationally- and internationally-known artists, including: **Leroy Campbell, Ted Ellis, Andrew Nichols, Paul Goodnight, Michael Escoffery, Frank Frazier, Woodrow Nash, Andrew Nichols, Brenda Joysmith, and Glenn Tunstull** have been a part of the show.

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In addition, highly-regarded arts establishments, including Golden Galleries in Colorado and **New York's Savacou Gallery** have also exhibited works at the show.

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