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## **Harlem Fine Arts Show returns to Riverside Church**

*HFAS salutes African Americans in Medicine and Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts, III at February 16 opening*

HARLEM, NY-- The [Harlem Fine Arts Show \(HFAS\)](#) returns to the historic Riverside Church, 91 Claremont Ave., Feb. 16-19, 2017. The four-day traveling exhibition and sale of contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography is the largest of its kind featuring art from the African Diaspora. The exhibition is open to collectors, art enthusiasts, educators, and professionals.

Following the theme of this year's annual multi-city tour, "*The Health and Healing Power of Art*", HFAS will showcase and celebrate African Americans in the medical field, and raise awareness about medicine as a career choice for young people. Scholarships will be awarded to African-American students pursuing careers in medicine.

"This year's recognition of the 'health and healing power of art' is a reminder of how art permeates and enhances all aspects of our lives," explains **Dion Clarke**, founder of the HFAS. "One of our artists, **Antonio Davis** of Chicago, is a quadriplegic who continues to enjoy a fulfilling career as an artist demonstrating the healing powers of the medium. We are also excited to recognize practitioners from the city's premier medical institutions, and of course, we celebrate our continuing partnership with Riverside Church."

On Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, the HFAS will host an Opening Night Preview event at 6pm on with a "**Salute to African Americans in Medicine (AAIM)**." New York-based partners in this initiative include: the **National Medical Association**, **Empire State Medical Association**, the **Susan Smith McKinney Steward Medical Society**, and the **Lincoln and Harlem Schools of Nursing**. Participating hospitals include **Harlem Hospital**, **Mount Sinai**, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Lincoln Hospital, Montefiore Medical Center and Yale University Medical Center among others. Each will be nominating their practitioners for recognition.

Opening Night is hosted by the Brooklyn Alumni Chapter of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** and the **Riverside Community Services Corporation**. A portion of the proceeds from the opening night event will benefit both organizations. Additionally, a "**Special Achievement Award**" will be presented to **Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III**, pastor of the **Abyssinian Baptist Church**, president of the State University of New York at Old Westbury, and chairman and



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founder of the Abyssinian Development Corporation.

On Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> “**Youth Empowerment Day**” begins at 9am with nearly 1,000 students from the Tri-State area expected to attend the exhibition to interact with the artists. **Dr. Lynn Holden** will also be educating the students on her **Mentoring in Medicine** program that introduces young people to career opportunities in the field. HFAS opens to the public at 4pm. There will be a celebration of young, millennial urban professionals hosted by the [Council of Urban Professionals](#) (CUP) from 6pm – 11pm.

Saturday the show opens at 10 am and includes an Art Lecture and Artist Talk from 11 am – 1 p.m. with **Dr. Lisa Farrington**, who will discuss art as a wealth building mechanism. Various artists will also be discussing their works. From 11 am – 3 pm renowned beauty expert [Mikki Taylor](#) will host “**TALKINGBEAUTY&STYLE**” an intimate afternoon of food, fellowship, and talking beauty and style, where real women share real talk about real beauty and style issues, challenges, and successes. “**TALKINGBEAUTY&STYLE**” requires separate registration.

Saturday night activities will include a special reception and fashion show hosted by the retail, fashion organization [BRAG](#), highlighting fashions by renowned Chicago designer, **Barbara Bates of Bates Design**, a contestant on the premier season of NBC’s Fashion Star.

On Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, HFAS will open at noon with a Gospel Brunch and a “**Salute to African-American Nurses.**” The afternoon will also include a special celebration of the Lincoln and Harlem Schools of Nursing.

The Harlem Fine Arts Show is a celebration of African-American artistic history, in the vein of masters including Palmer C. Hayden, Augusta Savage, Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, Jacob Lawrence, and Ernie Barnes. This year’s HFAS will showcase over 50 national and international artists and galleries offering investment-level art at multiple price points. Among the artists in this year’s show are: **K.A. Williams** and **Leroy Campbell** of Atlanta, **Michael Escoffery** and **Barry Mason**. Participating galleries include **Louisville’s [E&S Gallery](#)** and **[Water Kolours Fine Art](#)** in Memphis. A special exhibition of Miles Davis’ Art Collection will also be featured.

For additional information visit [www.hfas.org/newyork](http://www.hfas.org/newyork) or call 914-450-4269. General admission is \$25, with varying prices for special events. Follow the Harlem Fine Arts Show on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtags #HFASNYC #africanamericansinmedicine #thehealingpowerofart #talkingbeauty.

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**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 80 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. 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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