

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART

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BLANTON MUSEUM ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP BOARD

*Advisory group to include leaders in the arts, business, and philanthropy;
Inaugural gathering to feature lecture by artist Doris Salcedo*

AUSTIN, Texas—October 30, 2014—The Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin announces the formation of its National Leadership Board. Comprised of noted collectors, philanthropists, and business leaders from across the country, the group will serve as ambassadors for the Blanton and support the museum's commitment to excellence in the arts.

Board members will provide ongoing feedback to the museum director and will be invited to attend a special weekend of art and learning each year in Austin. The Board's inaugural weekend, November 6-8, 2014, will provide an opportunity for members to experience thought-provoking and engaging programs and social events designed by the museum's curators and educators—including a free, public lecture by internationally recognized artist Doris Salcedo on November 7th at 6PM. It also will be a time for Board members to come together and connect with peers who have a shared passion for the arts.

"This new initiative will enable us to benefit from the experience and expertise of some of the best and most creative minds in the country," remarked Blanton director Simone Wicha. "The Board's prestige, guidance, and financial support will help the museum enhance its offerings and further establish its position as a center for world-class art and education."

The National Leadership Board for 2014–2015:

Michael Klein, Chair

Janet and Wilson Allen (Austin, TX)
Laura and John Beckworth (Austin, TX)
Leslie and Jack Blanton, Jr. (Houston, TX)
Suzanne Deal Booth (Austin, TX)
Sarah and Ernest Butler (Austin, TX)
Michael Chesser (Austin, TX)
Mary McDermott Cook (Dallas, TX)
Alessandra Manning-Dolnier and Kurt Dolnier (Watertown, CT)
Sally and Tom Dunning (Dallas, TX)

Kelley and Pat Frost (San Antonio TX)
Anthony Grant (New York, NY)
Shannon and Mark Hart (Fort Worth, TX)
Eric Herschmann (Austin, TX and New York, NY)
Sonja and Joe Holt (Austin, TX)
Nancy and Bob Inman (Austin, TX)
Kenny and Susie Jastrow (Austin, TX)
Marilyn Johnson (Austin, TX)
Jeanne and Michael Klein (Austin, TX)
Jenny and Trey Laird (New York, NY)
Cornelia and Meredith Long (Houston, TX)
Kathleen Irvin Loughlin and Christopher Loughlin (Austin, TX)
Anthony Meier (San Francisco, CA)
Marlene N. Meyerson (Santa Fe, NM)
Fredericka and David Middleton (Austin, TX)
Ross Moody (Austin, TX)
Lora Reynolds and Quincy Lee (Austin, TX)
John Schweitzer (Austin, TX)
Richard Shiff (Austin, TX)
Eliza and Stuart Stedman (Houston, TX)
Ellen and Steve Susman (Houston, TX)
Judy and Charles Tate (Houston, TX)
Marilynn and Carl Thoma (Chicago, IL)
Jill Wilkinson (Austin, TX)
Jessica and Jimmy Younger (Houston, TX)

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About the Blanton Museum of Art:

Founded in 1963, the Blanton Museum of Art is one of the foremost university art museums in the country and holds the largest public collection in Central Texas. Recognized for its modern and contemporary American and Latin American art, Italian Renaissance and baroque paintings, and encyclopedic collection of prints and drawings, the Blanton offers thought provoking, visually arresting, and personally moving encounters with art. The museum is located at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Congress Avenue and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM – 5 PM, Saturday from 11 AM – 5 PM, and Sunday from 1 – 5 PM. Thursdays are free admission days and every third Thursday the museum is open until 9 PM. Admission Prices: Adults \$9, Kids 12 and under FREE, Seniors (65+) \$7, Youth/College Students (13-21) \$5. Admission is free to members, all current UT ID-holders. For additional information call (512) 471-7324 or visit www.blantonmuseum.org.