BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART

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MUSEUM SHOP TO HOST FAIR TRADE TRUNK SHOW FEATURING COMPANIES THAT EMPOWER ARTISANS



Fair Trade Holiday Trunk Show
Thursday, November 19 | 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

AUSTIN, Texas – August 18, 2015 – This holiday season, the Blanton Museum Shop will help visitors find gifts they can feel good about giving. On November 19, from 11a.m. until 8 p.m., the Museum Shop will host a Fair Trade Holiday Trunk Show, with artful treasures from around the globe brought to market by Ona Mission, a fair-trade group whose sole purpose is to celebrate and empower artisans from the farthest reaches of the world by bringing their unique one-of-a-kind pieces to the local market. For this collection, which will include jewelry, clothing and seasonal decorations, Ona Mission is showcasing the following fair-trade groups: Liz Alig, Ona Mission with Papillon Haiti, Haiti Design Co-op, Peace Gospel and She Has Hope.

What: Fair Trade Holiday Trunk Show

Where: Blanton Museum of Art, MLK at Congress

When: Third Thursday, November 19 from 11a.m. – 8 p.m.

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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 10–5, Saturday from 11–5, and Sunday from 1–5. Thursdays are free admission days and every third Thursday the museum is open until 9. 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.

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Jewelry: She Has Hope Artisans