

# BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART

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## BLANTON ANNOUNCES 2017 ART ON THE EDGE FUNDRAISING EVENT



### *Art on the Edge*

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 | 8 pm–Midnight**

AUSTIN, Texas—January 5, 2017—The Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin announces its annual fundraising party, ***Art on the Edge***, to be held on the evening of **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. A highlight of the city's social season, *Art on the Edge* brings together local tastemakers, young professionals, creatives, art-lovers, and community leaders for a festive night in celebration of the Blanton's role as a vital cultural resource for the Austin community.

This black-tie soiree will take place in the Blanton's soaring Rapoport Atrium and art-filled galleries, and will feature live music and dancing from **Memphis Train Revue** and **DJ Mel**, an open bar with signature cocktails, complimentary light bites, fun in the photobooth, and more. Guests will be the first to preview ***Nina Katchadourian: Curiouser***, the Blanton's mid-career survey of the work of Brooklyn-based artist, Nina Katchadourian, one of the most exciting contemporary artists working today. They will also enjoy after-hours access to the museum's newly-renovated and reinstalled permanent collection galleries, scheduled to open in February. Additionally, for the first time, a limited number of VIP tickets will be available for purchase in 2017. VIP tickets will include perks such as access to an exclusive lounge featuring private bars, special treats, and other surprises throughout the evening.

"*Art on the Edge* is a fun and exciting event that's really in tune with Austin's creative pulse," remarks **A.J. Bingham**, *Art on the Edge* Host Committee Chair. "The mingling of world-class art, music, and culture paired with the opportunity to support the Blanton as a cornerstone for the arts in our community makes for a unique experience not to be missed."

Funds raised through ticket sales and sponsorships support the museum's thought-provoking educational programs, in-depth collection, and dynamic exhibitions. The event also introduces new audiences to the Blanton and helps build community engagement.

**What:** *Art on the Edge*

**Where:** Blanton Museum of Art, MLK at Congress

**When:** Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8pm–Midnight

**Attire:** Black-Tie

**Tickets:** \$125 General Admission | \$200 VIP Ticket (Limited availability)

*VIP ticket includes access to an exclusive VIP lounge with private bars, special treats, and other unique experiences.*

*A portion of each ticket sale is tax deductible.*

### **Host Committee Chair**

A.J. Bingham

### **Immediate Past Chair**

Kate Perez

### ***Art on the Edge* Host Committee**

Bettina and Brian Barrow

Michu Benaim Steiner

Samantha and Stuart Bernstein

Justin Brown

Josh Davenport

Michal and Michael DeChellis

Julie Fisher

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Jordan Gentry

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### About the Blanton Museum of Art

Founded in 1963, the Blanton Museum of Art holds the largest public collection in Central Texas with nearly 18,000 objects. 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](http://www.blantonmuseum.org).

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