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## UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S ART GALLERY TO HOLD PURCHASE PARTY – NEW WORKS SELECTED

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (November 3, 2014) – The Art Gallery at the University of Saint Joseph will host its third Purchase Party on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Purchase Party allows

museum members to choose the Gallery's next acquisition from among a pre-selected group of works that will be on display. The Art Gallery is located in Bruyette Athenaeum on the University of Saint Joseph's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. The champagne and dessert party is free of charge and open to the public, but only members may cast votes.

In conjunction with the exhibition *I Write Your Name, Part III*, the Purchase Party will focus on work by African American artists. Art Gallery Director and Curator Ann H. Sievers has pre-selected artworks, any one of which would be a significant addition to the Gallery's permanent collection. The art will be displayed at the Gallery without any indication of price, so as to encourage members to weigh each work's aesthetic merit and usefulness to the collection. The evening of the Purchase Party, the Gallery's Director will discuss each piece, explaining how it would enhance the collection. Members will then cast a secret ballot for their first choice and the winner will be announced. The art will be purchased with funds set aside from a portion of membership dues from *Friends of the Art Gallery*. Subsequent ballots will be cast if the first acquisition does not exhaust the fund and if there are artworks that can be acquired with the remaining balance.

It will be possible to join *Friends of the Art Gallery* right up until voting begins on the evening of November 13. Memberships are tax-deductible and available at a range of levels (individual, senior, family, etc.). For more information, contact Rochelle Oakley, collections manager/registrar, at 860.231.5743 or [roakley@usj.edu](mailto:roakley@usj.edu).

The Art Gallery presents regular exhibitions drawn from its permanent collection, as well as loan exhibitions of historic art or of contemporary work by artists of national and international prominence. The Art Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Admission is free of charge.

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