



TOUGALOO COLLEGE NEWS

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11th Annual Tougaloo Art Colony To Feature “Mother of All Art Auctions”

Tougaloo, Miss. — The 11th Annual Tougaloo Art Colony, scheduled for the week of July 14 – 20, 2007 on the historic Tougaloo College campus, will feature as its free event, the “Mother of All Art Auctions.” The Auction is a fundraising initiative to raise money to house the Tougaloo Art Collections. With a large portion of the Collections currently in storage, this event was conceived to secure funds to renovate the former Brownlee Gymnasium building on the campus. The building would become the Brownlee Arts Education Building and would provide gallery space for the Tougaloo Art Collections, as well as classrooms, studios and exhibit space for students.

The Art Auction, scheduled for Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kroger Gymnasium of the Owens Health, Wellness and Human Resources Center on the campus of Tougaloo College, will feature works by prominent artists from around the country. The list of artists who have committed works for the sale is impressive and includes Jere Allen, Charmagne Andrews, Rachel Ballentine, Paul Campbell, William Colvin, Charles Crossley, Kay Franz, Lynette Gilbert, Jerrie Glasper, Mary Hardy, Jerry Harris, Varnette Honeywood, Sonji Hunt, Susan Ingram, Felicia Jennings-Reese, Hyun Chong Kim, Ron Koehler, Betsy Liles, Johnnie Maberry-Gilbert, Lee Ransaw, Mario Robinson, Kathleen Varnell, Cleve Webber, and BeBe Wolf.

The Tougaloo College Art Colony is a retreat that provides an opportunity for artists to form close associations with one another forged through a week of intensive study. **For more information, contact Johnnie Mae Maberry-Gilbert @ 601-977-7743 or 601-977-7839.**

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” the College is led by its first female and 13th president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College has increased its enrollment by 12% and boasts a student retention rate of 68%.

Tougaloo College ranks among the top 50 U.S. institutions whose graduates earn PhDs in science and engineering disciplines and among the top 15 historically black colleges and universities in the graduation of females with undergraduate degrees in the physical sciences. The College has produced more graduates who have completed their PhD degrees through the UNCF-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation.

Listed as one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast by The Princeton Review (2007 edition) and the only Mississippi institution ranked among the top 20 liberal arts institutions in the nation by Washington Monthly, 66% of its graduates enter professional and graduate schools immediately after graduation. Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. Among its graduates are more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators including teachers, principals, school superintendents, college/university faculty and administrators.