

PEARLS of ART Gala 2016



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The Pearl is wholly supported through the community. No federal, state or local tax dollars are used for museum operations and the Pearl is not funded or administered through the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. The Pearl's leading annual fundraising event is the Pearls of Art Gala, with other social events throughout the year. The museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and all donations to the Pearl are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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Dear Friends of the Pearl,

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is thrilled to announce the 9th Annual Pearls of Art Gala: The World is Your Oyster. Friday, April 8, 2016 promises an enchanted evening under the sea in King Neptune's castle... otherwise known as the splendid Chateau Cocomar, located just miles from the Pearl at the end of Champions Drive.

Since opening in 2008, the Pearl has become a prized symbol of arts and education in Northwest Houston. The Houston Press has named the Pearl "Best Small Museum" in all of Greater Houston in both 2010 and 2015! Over 165,000 visitors, including over 50,000 school children, have visited the Pearl since its opening, experiencing 39 different exhibitions from around the world.

As the museum's largest development event each year, the *Pearls of Art Gala* raises approximately half of the museum's annual operating funds and has become one of the most socially visible events for Northwest Houston residents with strong support from the Champions, Champion Forest, Spring, Cypress, the Woodlands and Northgate Forest communities.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts does not charge an admission fee; we are free to all who enter, and most education programs are provided free of charge. Each year, the Pearl serves the community with over 300 events, activities, camps, classes and other on-site programs.

We invite you to make a splash in our fundraising efforts through a donation of goods or services to be included in one of our gala auctions. Please complete the attached form with your donation to receive credit for your tax-deductible contribution. 100% of the proceeds realized from your donation will directly benefit the museum and its services.

If you have any questions regarding the auction, the Gala, or the Pearl, please call the museum at 281.376.6322, or email development@pearlmfa.org. You may also visit www.pearlmfa.org.

The World is Your Oyster... it's up to you to find the Pearl!

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