

Monmouth Museum

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QUEEN LATIFAH TO DESIGN CHAIR for the Monmouth Museum's "Chairish" the Museum Exhibition and Silent Auction Benefit

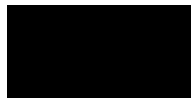
LINCROFT, NJ – The Monmouth Museum is thrilled to announce that **Queen Latifah** will be designing and donating a chair for their annual “**Chairish**” the Museum Exhibition and Benefit Auction. Latifah has agreed to custom-paint and decorate a chair with her mother, Rita Owens, a former art teacher. Their one-of-a-kind chair will be on display at the Museum’s “Chairish” the Museum exhibition from January 16th through February 7th, 2009. The exhibition includes a variety of chairs decorated and designed by local artists and craftsmen. The public will have the opportunity to place bids on chairs while they are on display at all locations. Don’t miss the unique opportunity this year to bid on a chair painted by the Queen! (Please see attached list of locations where chairs can be previewed). *(continued)*

All chairs move to the Museum's Main Gallery February 7th for an exciting **Silent Auction Finale** from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Guests can enjoy libations and lite fare during the evening as they place their final bids (winners who are not present will be notified following the event). Tickets are \$10 per person and the cost can be applied to any chair purchase.

This benefit was first held in conjunction with an Appraisal Event in the Fall of 2006. Eighteen artists donated 22 chairs decorated in a wide variety of media. Many of the chairs were found in attics, curbside collections and at yard sales and were transformed into a variety of artwork, both sculptural and utilitarian. "Chairish" the Museum is now an annual event and last year's benefit featured over 35 chairs. Each year Museum staff, Trustees, docents and volunteers, as well as Brookdale Community College Art department faculty, have contributed decorated chairs. We are especially pleased this year to offer a wonderful chair designed and donated by two of our most talented community members, Queen Latifah and her mother, Rita Owens.

The Monmouth Museum is a private, non-profit organization located on the Brookdale Community College Campus, Newman Springs Road, in Lincroft, NJ at Parking Lot #1. (Exit 109 off the Garden State Parkway). Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Please call the Museum at 732-747-2266 for additional information, or visit the website: www.monmouthmuseum.org.

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PREVIEW CHAIRS AT THESE LOCATIONS

The Monmouth Museum

On the Brookdale Community
College Campus
Newman Springs Rd
Lincroft, NJ 07738
732-747-2266

Beacon Fine Art

61 Monmouth Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 936-0888
Dave Griswold

Beauregard Gallery

109 East River Road
Rumson, NJ 07760
(732) 450-0994
Kathleen Donnelly

Chetkin Gallery

9 Wharf Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 741-6116
Carol Lynn Chetkin

Frederick Galleries

1405 Third Avenue
Spring Lake, NJ 07762
(732) 974-0376
Nancy Haulenbeek

Gallery Jupiter

31 Church Street
Little Silver, NJ 07739
(732) 530-8035
Ricardo Flores

Red Ginger Home

65 Monmouth Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 345-1000
Rob Amend

Robert Legere Interior Design

521 Cookman Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712
(732) 869-9399
Robert Legere

Shore Institute of Contemporary Art

20 Third Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740
(732) 263-1121
Doug Ferrari

Weston Gallery

79 Main Street
Manasquan, NJ 08736
(732) 292-1664
Stephen and Kathryn Weston

Windsor Gallery

41 Highway 34 South
Colts Neck, NJ 07722
(732) 845-4700
Daniel Fenski