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***Juror Selected & Call to Artists Open for Bonnet House's Annual  
Fundraiser  
"Making New Impressions"***

**January 4, 2016 Fort Lauderdale, FL – Bonnet House Museum & Gardens** has selected a juror and opened the Call for Entries for its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Exhibit and Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00p.m. Bonnet House is honored to welcome Mariavelia Savino as the exhibit's juror. Ms. Savino is President of Golding & Savino Inc., and Owner/Director of G&S Alternative Space. This is Ms. Savino's first stint as juror for the exhibit, but as her extensive resume attests, she is no novice in the art world. Ms. Savino has presented exhibitions at international sites, from the Imperial Palace Archives, Beijing, China, to the Historical Society of Washington D.C.. In December 2015, during Miami Art Basel week, she presented the exhibition Nature through the Artist's Eye with the participation of nine international artists at her gallery's booth in Red Dot Art Fair. The Call for Entries is open to all artists and is available on the Bonnet House website at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/impressions/>.

"Making New Impressions" showcases artists from throughout Florida and Bonnet House is working to make the event a celebration of art from various perspectives that attracts long-time patrons and new guests. All guests and participating artists are invited to cast votes for their favorite artist in the exhibition. The artist receiving the highest number of votes will receive the *People's Choice Award*, awarded that evening. All of the artwork in the *Impressions* competition will be available for sale with 50% of the proceeds benefit the ongoing preservation of Bonnet House and its cultural programming that reach over 70,000 visitors, including 8,000 area youth each year. The *Impressions* exhibition will be on display from March 3 through May 1, 2016 during Bonnet House regular tour hours.

Additional highlights of the evening will include gourmet food, fine wine and entertainment throughout the house. Invitations for *Impressions* will be mailed in February. If you would like to add your name to the mailing list or would like to enter your work to be considered, please call [\(954\) 703-2614](tel:9547032614) or visit us online at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/impressions/>

**About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens:** Accredited by the American Association of Museum and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a 35 - acre subtropical estate and historic house museum located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. Bonnet House, in addition to being open for guided public tours six days per week, year round, offers a myriad of specially-designed programs for schools, adults and families. Bonnet House also has membership opportunities that include an annual pass to the estate and a program geared to local artists. Music students from nearby universities and opera companies gain experience through their performances on property in the annual Young Artist Music Series and orchid enthusiasts have an opportunity to see and buy an exclusive selection of orchids as well as learn how to grow and care for orchids in their own homes during the Orchid , Garden & Gourmet Food Festival, the first weekend in December of every year. The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to steward the legacy of the

Bartlett and Birch families by preserving their historic estate and providing programming that nurtures creative expression, delights the senses, educates, and honors the natural environment.

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Bonnet House Museum & Gardens -- 900 North Birch Road, Fort

Lauderdale 33304 Open for tours Tuesday - Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm