



## ***Artwork Selected for Bonnet House’s “Making New Impressions” Juried Art Competition and Auction***

**February 7, 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL** – Forty-six pieces have been selected for Bonnet House Museum & Gardens’ 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Competition and Auction, *Making New Impressions*. The lavish opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00pm and includes cocktails, gourmet food from A Alexander Catering, music, exotic floral decorations, moonlight and adventurous innovative art.

We would like to thank Dr. Patricia Watson, this year’s juror, for selecting the artwork. This is Dr. Watson’s first time as juror for the exhibit. Dr. Watson was a founder, President of the Board and Executive Director of the Riverdale Art Center in Riverdale, New Jersey, a non-profit art gallery and art education center in northern New Jersey. She worked closely with local philanthropists and William Paterson University to establish the center and help emerging artists from that school and the local area to exhibit and sell their art.

A preview of the artwork selected for *Making New Impressions* is on the Bonnet House website at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/events/>.

The artists chosen to participate in the exhibition work in a variety of media and styles. All guests and participating artists are invited to cast their 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 benefitting the ongoing preservation of Bonnet House and its cultural programming that reaches over 70,000 visitors, including 13,000 area youth each year. The *Impressions* exhibition will be on display from March 8 through May 1, 2018 during Bonnet House regular tour hours.

Tickets are \$50 and include a fun-filled evening with fine food, cocktails, art, music and moonlight. For more information or to purchase tickets please call [\(954\) 703-2614](tel:9547032614) or visit us online at <http://www.bonnethouse.org/events/>.

**About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens:** Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums 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 on Fort Lauderdale Beach. 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. The mission of the 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.