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Dallas Arboretum Presents Artscape Reimagined 2017 *Great Contributor to Art Award* to Craig Hall

Additional announcements made about springtime juried fine art show and sale

DALLAS, Texas (January 31, 2017) — On January 31st at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden's DeGolyer House, Artscape Reimagined 2017 Chairwoman Kaki Hopkins made several exciting announcements about the garden's popular fine art and craft show including the inaugural *Great Contributor to Art Award*, which is being given to Craig Hall for his many contributions to public art.

Hopkins said, "Craig Hall embodies the spirit of this award. He is someone who collects art not for himself but for the benefit of the communities in which we live and work, and we are excited to honor him."

The *Great Contributor to Art Award* will be presented to Hall at the Artscape Award and Auction Dinner in Rosine Hall on May 12. This aptly named prize was designed and contributed by Gary Lee Price, whose Great Contributors exhibition at the Arboretum was the inspiration for the award's name. For those interested in purchasing tickets for the dinner, which start at \$300, visit the Dallas Arboretum website at

<http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/artscape>.

"I am a strong believer in the importance of public art and the incredible effect it can have on its audience," said Craig Hall, Chairman and Founder of HALL Group. "Art has the ability to touch the soul and make people think, and it should be shared openly and democratically. The Dallas Arboretum, through its public art exhibits, sculptures throughout the garden and Artscape, is a great example of how our city is embracing public art, and I am glad to be a part of it."

Artscape committee member Gloria Snead introduced Craig Hall and talked about his background and accomplishments.

Craig Hall is an entrepreneur, businessman, *New York Times* bestselling author and philanthropist. A lifelong art collector, Hall believes art nourishes the human spirit and can make a profound difference in people's lives. HALL Group properties display an extensive contemporary art collection. At HALL Park in Frisco, Texas, more than 200 sculptures and works of art can be found throughout the park and within building lobbies. At KPMG Plaza at HALL Arts in the Dallas Arts District, art with a focus on Texas artists is prominently featured throughout the Texas Sculpture Walk, and several more pieces by national and international artists are located throughout the development. Hall has received numerous awards, including the 2002 Obelisk Award from the Dallas Business Committee for the Arts for his long-time support of Texas artists; induction into the Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans; induction into the North Texas Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame; and the Ring of Honor of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas. He is also the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Hopkins also provided more details about Artscape Reimagined, which will feature more than 100 outstanding professional artists from around the country. The art festival kicks off with a member preview on the evening of Friday, April 28 and then opens to the public Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. The garden's spring backdrop with thousands of flowers and lush landscaping provide a perfect natural setting for artists to showcase their creations.

Now in its 11th year, the show features a variety of mediums including painting, sculpture, 2-D and 3-D mixed media, photography, fiber, ceramics and more. It is being called Artscape Reimagined 2017 to denote the many innovations introduced this year, including:

- An architect-designed landscape layout with decorative signage and boulevards that provide excellent audience flow and heightened visibility for the artists.
- The historic DeGolyer House transformed into the DeGolyer Gallery, featuring local Dallas galleries presenting works by artists they represent
- The University Zone, where approximately 10 universities will show and sell works by their professors and students.

Hopkins added, "I want to thank my 48 committee members for all their work and recognize a few. A special thank you to Patricia Meadows, well known arts consultant and appraiser, who led the Artscape jury, along with Katherine Wagner and Marty Ray. Gail Sachson has also helped with her knowledge of the art scene. Salvador Impastato is ensuring that our new layout will benefit the artists and the attendees. Finally, David Dike, our gallery partnership chair, is helping us secure key galleries to showcase and to sell their art."

More information can be found at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/artscape>.

In addition to Artscape, guests will be able to enjoy ZimSculpt, a world renowned exhibition of modern Zimbabwean stone sculptures that will be incorporated into the garden. It is the first time for these sculptures to be shown in the southern U.S., and they include more than 100 hand-carved pieces that are available for purchase. Two Zimbabwean artists will also demonstrate live their artistry as they carve stone into modern sculptures right in front of patrons.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. It is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum. Visit dallasarboretum.org or Facebook for more information.

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