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*Wearable Art
Fashion Show
& Boutique*

Sunday, October 18, 2009



6th Annual Wearable Art Fashion Show & Boutique brings Chic Regional Fashion Designs to the Catwalk

One-of-a-kind garments on sale October 18 to raise funds for The Textile Art Alliance, an affiliate group of the Cleveland Museum of Art

CLEVELAND (August, 2009) — The Textile Art Alliance (TAA) of the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) hosts its **6th Annual Wearable Art Fashion Show & Boutique** on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at the LaMalfa Conference Center in the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites on 5783 Heisley Road in Mentor.

Cleveland fashion enthusiasts can enjoy exclusive designs at The Wearable Art Fashion Show & Boutique. This event hosts regional fashion designers from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and West Virginia who specialize in creating unique garments, accessories, jewelry and other imaginative fiber wearables for day and evening. Guests can meet the designers, see the newest, freshest fashions and accessories in the area and purchase one-of-a-kind pieces or special holiday gift at this fundraising event. The wearable art runway show educates the audience about the fashions on display by describing the pieces in detail and explaining the creation process behind each piece.

Cleveland native and emcee Ann Elder provides inspiring style commentary on the wearable art fashions as models traverse the catwalk and guests enjoy lunch. Musical accompaniment during lunch and the runway show is provided by Neil Kammiller and hair styling and make-up for the models is provided by Jenniffer & Co. of Mentor. Sponsors Nagada, featuring exclusive and contemporary clothing of hand-woven Egyptian fabrics and designs, and Fine Points, featuring clothing with an artful perspective, are participating in the runway show and offering unique pieces from their collections for sale in the boutique. The location for the Wearable Art Fashion Show & Boutique is provided by the sponsor Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites LaMalfa in Mentor and valet service for the day is provided by the sponsor Park Avenue Valet.

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Following the Wearable Art Fashion show, all items seen on the catwalk will be available for purchase. The boutique area will have wearable art pieces for sale from participating artists as well as other regional artists before and after the show. Boutique preview shopping for patrons of the runway fashion show and luncheon begins at 10:30 a.m. and offers a range of pieces at affordable prices. The fashion show and lunch begins at 1 p.m. Boutique and runway fashions will be for sale to the public from 3 to 5 p.m.

Ticket prices are: \$5 for afternoon shopping among the boutiques and fashion show items, \$45 for preview boutique shopping, fashion show and luncheon. **For advance reservations, please call (216) 707-6820.** For additional information about the wearable fashion show, please call Chris at (440) 816-0967, Katherine at (440) 543-8138, email taafashionshow@windstream.net or visit www.taacleveland.org.

The Textile Art Alliance

The Textile Art Alliance (TAA) is an affiliate group of the Cleveland Museum of Art formed in 1934. TAA's mission is to promote interest in the textile arts, further understanding and appreciation of textiles by offering lectures, workshops, and exhibitions, and add to the museum's textile collection. To date, approximately 50 pieces have been purchased for the museum's textile collections, including Peruvian weavings dated 200 BC and works by contemporary artists Lenore Tawney and Glen Kaufman. All lectures are open to the public and are held at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Additional information can be found at www.taacleveland.org.

About The Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums with a collection that spans 6,000 years of creative achievement in the arts and is world-renowned for its quality and breadth. Currently undergoing a multi-year expansion project that will re-imagine the museum, it is a significant international forum for exhibitions, performance, scholarship and art education.

The Cleveland Museum of Art has a membership of nearly 25,000 households and is generously supported by a broad range of individuals, foundations, and businesses in Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio. The Cleveland Museum of Art is generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Additional support comes from the Ohio Arts Council, which funds CMA with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. Hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Closed on Mondays. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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