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### **EVENTS**

"Love" Opening Reception Fri, Feb 2, 2018, 6 – 10 pm

## **BEYOND ART EVENTS**

Artist Talk & Demonstration Behnaz Sohrabian Sun, Feb 18, 2--3 pm

Lunch with an Artist

Beth Hammack

Wed, Feb 21, 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Hi-res images are available here: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lheoq174m6jstr1/AADzzqQDJ-ZrS9V6 bDSSonua?dl=0

## JRB Art at The Elms Presents

"Love"

# **Behnaz Sohrabian and Stella Thomas**

OKLAHOMA CITY – An opening reception will be held for Behnaz Sohrabian and Stella Thomas from 6-10 pm, Feb. 2 during the Paseo Arts District's First Friday Gallery Walk. The exhibitions will be on view through Sunday, Feb 25. The exhibit, opening reception and artist talks are free to the public, as a part of JRB Art at the Elms' Beyond Art Series.

A perennial favorite of JRB Art, Behnaz Sohrabian, whose colorful lush figures and abstracts never fail to please, is presenting still-life, portraits of women and abstract paintings that are beautifully appealing. Behnaz was born and raised in Tehran, Iran, where she started painting as a small child. Her passion for art drove her to complete Bachelor Degrees in Art and Applied Chemistry and a Master's Degree in Art Studies. She moved to Oklahoma as a young woman to be near her family. When asked to describe her work Behnaz comments: "My work is about me, my life---about being a woman." Behnaz paints with depth, power and passion.

Malaysian Fashion and Jewelry Designer, Stella Thomas attended the Paris American Fashion Academy in Kuala Lumpur graduating first in her class and winning a scholarship to study in Paris. She has since lived in the US and Thailand working with several couture designers and creating unique pieces for celebrities, diplomates, pageant contestants and members of the royal families in Malaysia and Thailand. She finds inspiration for her fashion in nature and her travels. She starts with the raw materials, beautiful fabrics, natural stones, horn, and gemstones. With these materials, she creates one of a kind jewelry and apparel pieces.

## **Next Exhibit**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, JRB Art at the Elms presents Haley Prestifilippo exhibit of evocative drawings. Janice Mathews- Gordon and Carlos Trello will having exhibitions opening April 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### About JRB Art at the Elms

JRB Art at The Elms presents a diverse roster of emerging, established, and internationally exhibited artists who create in a wide range of media including: paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fine crafts, functional objects, fiber art and photographs. This 8,000-square foot award-winning gallery in Oklahoma City's Paseo Arts District changes its exhibits monthly in a gracious environment that fosters a dialogue between the arts and the larger community while providing quality art for first time buyers as well as individual, corporate and museum collections.

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