

# Press Release

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City of Ontario  
Ontario Museum of History & Art

## **ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART PRESENTS AN OPEN CALL EXHIBIT FOR *DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: THE INFLUENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ART IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA***

The Ontario Museum of History & Art and Guest Curator, Jerry Weems, present *Diversity and Inclusion: The Influence of African American Art in Southern California* (“*Diversity and Inclusion*”). This open call exhibit displays the diversity of the artistic styles and visions of contemporary African American art. Seen through the stylings of regional artists, *Diversity and Inclusion* reveals how artists are influenced by the raw and expressive beauty of the African American experience. *Diversity and Inclusion* encourages and promotes inclusion of all visual artists regardless of race. Successful art entries must incorporate subject matter/iconography that reflects the African American experience.

Artists are allowed to submit up to two pieces for consideration. The jury panel will select artwork that best represents the theme of the exhibit. There is no fee to enter, artists of any age are eligible and must live in the Southern California region (San Bernardino County, Riverside County, Los Angeles County, Orange County and San Diego County).

Entries will only be accepted via email beginning at Noon on Friday, September 1, 2017. A successful application packet will have the following: Complete Entry Form with an artist statement and a digital image (.jpg) of the artwork, no higher than 150 dpi (one image for each piece of artwork). All entries must be received by 4 PM on Friday, October 13, 2017. Artists will be notified by Thursday, November 9, 2017 if they are selected.

Additional information and an entry form can be acquired at the Ontario Museum of History & Art or downloaded from the Museum’s website at [www.ontarioca.gov/museum](http://www.ontarioca.gov/museum).

### **About the Ontario Museum of History & Art**



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The Ontario Museum of History & Art is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario, California 91762. Gallery hours are Noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more information call (909) 395-2510, email at [museuminfo@ontarioca.gov](mailto:museuminfo@ontarioca.gov), or visit [www.ontarioca.gov/museum](http://www.ontarioca.gov/museum). The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private museum operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

## **About the City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario is *Building A Better Tomorrow* with urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as Southern California's gateway. With three major interstates, two railroads and the Ontario International Airport, Ontario offers direct access from Los Angeles to the rest of California, and to North America. With approximately 170,000 residents and residential development on the rise, Ontario looks to double its population in the next 20 years, making it one of the 100 most populated Cities in the nation. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario dazzles with its amenities such as the Ontario Convention Center, Citizens Business Bank Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.

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