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**The 10th Southwest Black Art Show will be held June 24-26, 2019
at the African American Museum, Dallas**

***Kevin “WAK” Williams, Dinga McKinnon and Thomas Williams are the featured
artist for the 10th Anniversary Black Art Show***

Dallas, TX-May 1, 2019—The **Southwest Black Art Show (SWBAS)** is committed to the exclusive presentation of original art produced by artists of African and African-American descent. This year’s show will have over 20 African American artists, featuring guest artists Kevin “WAK” Williams, Dinga McKinnon. We are excited to welcome back Jonathan Romain, Bucci Upjohn and local sculptor, Samwel Osumba. The Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex always look forward to the return of Fanta Celah, a world renowned artist, jazz vocalist, model and jewelry designer.

The 10th Anniversary Southwest Black Art Show artists’ reception will be hosted by Tom Joyner, Jr. on Friday, June 24, 7-9 p.m. at the African America Museum, Dallas. All artists will be present at the reception.

"The Southwest Black Art Show is a show that brings some of the brightest artists throughout the country to the Dallas area. This gives the DFW community a chance to see some renowned artists such as Jonathan Romain, Bucci Upjohn as well as have an opportunity to purchase some of their works. **"The Southwest Black Art Show"** allows us to think about how we can project our community into our art and how we see ourselves, how the world sees us and at the same time it makes a statement about art, and Black America today," said Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr., President/CEO of the African American Museum, Dallas.

SWBAS debunks some of the divisiveness occurring in the current global consciousness regarding women and people of color. "I’ve been a professional artist for over 40 years and I’ve been in black art shows all over the world. There are a lot of male artists and very few female artists. It’s important that we make a change and get more women artists telling their stories" said Frank Frazier, one of SWBAS founders. "A symposium will feature women artists from a current women’s exhibition at the African American Museum titled **#Us Too: Phenomenal Women**" said Frazier.

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We invite you to meet some of the up and coming as well as seasoned female artists from the Dallas/Fort Worth community. These artists use their creativity as the foundation for communicating their purpose to society. Their understanding goes beyond the surface and taps into the ocean of the human condition intertwined in science, math, engineering, health care, law, politics, business, emotion, and community investment and protest. Also there will be hands-on activities for families and children throughout the weekend.

About the Southwest Black Art Show

The SWBAS was founded by artist, Frank Frazier, a group of art educators, collectors and curators from North Texas in 2009. Each year artists compete for one of three prizes. First prize is the “Best in Show” award for a one-person exhibition at the African American Museum, Dallas. Second prize is a one-person exhibition at the South Dallas Cultural Center. Exhibitions will be scheduled within a two-year period at each of the institutions. Third prize is a cash purchase of an art piece at the Museum’s discretion.

About the African American Museum

Located in Dallas’ Historic Fair Park, the 38,000 square foot African American Museum is the only Museum in the Southwestern United States dedicated to the collection, preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural and historical materials that relate to the African-American experience. The African American Museum incorporates a wide variety of visual art forms and historical documents that portray the African American experience in the United States, Southwest, and Dallas. The Museum has a small, but rich collection of African art, African-American fine art and one of the largest African American folk and decorative art collections in the United States. Started in 1974 as a part of the Bishop College Special Collection, the Museum has operated independently since 1979 under the vision of Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr., Founding President/CEO.

Visit www.aamdallas.org to find the latest information about the Southwest Black Art Show, including the list of current artists and scheduled presentations. Media outlets may contact Sharka Jones at the African American Museum at sjones@aamdallas.org or 214-565-9026, ext. 304. For sponsorship opportunities, ad information or artist registration please contact Jane Jones at 214-565-9026, ext. 328 or jabjones30@gmail.com.

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