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Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
(STMA)

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STMA's 2010 Spring Gala Hosts the Classiest Act in Town

BUCKHEAD – Polish up your dancing shoes and shake off those winter blues! Come join us on **Saturday, March 27th, 6:30 to 10:00 PM**, for ***Ebony and Ivory***, the Steffen Thomas Museum's annual spring gala and fundraiser in support of the museum's **Arts Outreach Program** serving the community, local schools and the Boys & Girls Club. We promise you an unforgettable evening of dining and dancing, filled with sophistication, elegance and the piano music of three great American jazz composers – Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and Johnny Mercer – performed by the nationally acclaimed Penelope Williams Duo.

The event will begin with a champagne toast in "Sara's Salon," the former living quarters of STMA's beloved founder, the late Sara Douglass Thomas. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will then be offered in the main gallery followed by a gourmet dinner prepared by professional chefs Pierre Glardon and Kevin McGowan. International Baccalaureate and Math and Science Academy students from Morgan County High School will serve as wait staff.

You'll also enjoy a unique silent auction featuring a wide variety of fabulous personal services provided by our volunteers including art classes, a professional photo of your home, a Sunday quail brunch and baked goods for a special occasion, as well as handcrafted items, jewelry and works of art. In addition, a Reynolds Plantation golf package will be up for bids.

This year's main raffle prize is a glorious diamond pendant, graciously donated by Whidby Jewelers. The pendant has 1.03 carats of round brilliant diamonds set in 14 karat white gold. Its retail value is \$2,799. Second and third prizes are STMA Museum Shop gift certificates for \$100 and \$50, respectively. Raffle tickets are priced at \$10 each; \$25 for three. Tickets may be purchased at the museum or at Whidby Jewelers. **You need not be present to win!**



Diamond and white gold pendant, this year's STMA Spring Gala Raffle Prize, valued at \$2,799. Donated by Whidby Jewelers.

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So all you sophisticated ladies and gents, break out your fancy duds (attire is creative black and white; black-tie, optional) and join us for an evening filled with elegance and the music of three American jazz masters. You will also be supporting STMA, our unique "Georgia Master" visual arts museum, and its award-winning Arts Outreach Program serving Morgan, Greene and Putnam counties. Our Program often provides the first museum experience for many rural children while introducing them to the joy of artistic expression.

Admission is \$50 per person. For more information and reservations, please call 706-342-7557 or visit www.steffenthomas.org.

Date: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 6:30 – 10:00 PM

Location: Steffen Thomas Museum of Art

4200 Bethany Road, Buckhead GA 30625

For directions, please visit www.steffenthomas.org.

Cost: \$50 per person

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