



Goss-Michael Foundation Launches Art Education Initiative

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When the foundation that houses the British art, YBA-heavy art collection of English Pop Star George Michael and his Texan partner, Kenny Goss, [moved into their new Design District space last year](#), new programs were promised. Today, the Goss-Michael Foundation has announced that it will launch “Artventure,” an educational program. From the release:

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Here’s the full release:

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Tours, Artist Talks, Sketch Days, Contests and Scholarships Also Featured

DALLAS (January 12, 2011) – Beginning this month, The Goss-Michael Foundation introduces **ARTVENTURE**, a new educational initiative, in its efforts to educate, engage and inspire the students of Texas.

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TOURS

- Tours are offered free of charge and can be scheduled by contacting the Foundation's Educational Programmer, Lindsey Walls.
- Tours are available **Tuesday through Friday, from 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** and last approximately 45 minutes.
- Led by a member of the Foundation's curatorial staff, the students will experience a guided tour of the permanent collection and rotating exhibition spaces.

ARTIST TALKS AND LECTURES

- The Foundation also offers regular artist talks and lectures to students and educators.
- With each new exhibition, The Goss-Michael Foundation has the exciting opportunity to welcome the featured artist(s) to Dallas. Since 2007, the Foundation has had the privilege of hosting leading British artists including Tracey Emin, Marc Quinn, Tim Noble & Sue Webster, Richard Patterson, Michael Craig-Martin and Jeremy Deller.
- While here, the artists attend book signings, give tours of their exhibitions, participate in public lectures, and even hold public art demonstrations or performances. Dates for upcoming artist talks and lectures are listed on the Foundation's Web site.

SATURDAY SKETCH DAYS

- The Foundation also hosts events that encourage students to tap into their creativity. Saturday Sketch Days are held on specific weekends throughout the rotating exhibition schedule.
- On select Saturdays, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., attendees have the opportunity to experience a brief tour of the current exhibition and sketch their impressions of the featured works.

STUDENT ART CONTEST

- The annual Student Art Contest is another great event that inspires students to create their own artwork. A new theme is chosen for the contest each year, and participation is open to all high school students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area who are enrolled in the 9th through 12th grades.
- Students can enter work in one of four categories: Painting, Drawing, Photography and Mixed Media. Finalists' work is displayed at the Foundation in a special, two-week student exhibition.
- Monetary prizes are awarded to one contestant in each of the four categories.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Goss-Michael Foundation also offers four scholarship opportunities to high school graduating seniors interested in pursuing a college education in music or visual arts.
- Two scholarships are awarded to students graduating from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, one scholarship is awarded to a student graduating from a local Dallas/Fort Worth high school, and one scholarship is awarded to a student graduating from a Texas high school outside of the Metroplex.
- All scholarships are merit-based in the amount of \$5,000 and applied toward tuition at the student's chosen college or university upon acceptance.