



Know Before You Go

We are thrilled that you will be joining us for our Jazzy Benefit Gala on Saturday, October 26!

In a fresh twist, Jazzy 2019 is **coming home to 551 South Tryon Street** to commemorate our grand opening exactly a decade ago. In addition, 2019 marks our institution's 45th year – the Sapphire Anniversary.

In celebration of these milestones, this year's themed *Work of Heart* is an homage to ancestry rooted in Africa, to the labor of love by our Founding Mothers, and to the passion that fuels each of our art exhibitions, educational programs, and cultural events.

A full evening is planned. Through curated experiences and transformed spaces, *Jazzy 2019* will transport guests with a sensory journey that starts with the Continent, expands to the Diaspora and leads to the Future.

You will not want to miss a moment!

EVENT TIME

6 pm - 10:30 pm (*Schedule below*)

ATTIRE

Black tie / Gala wear inspired by art, beauty and culture

AUCTION

A silent auction will offer guests chances to bid on and win beautiful works of art as well as “works of heart,” in support of the Gantt Center’s programming and exhibitions. Works by artist Jonathan Green, tickets to see *The Color Purple* or dinner with an exhibiting artist can be yours.

A live auction will offer guests a chance to travel to Napa Valley and experience something utterly unique – Brown Downtown Napa, the tasting room for California’s first Black-owned estate winery.

ENTERTAINMENT AND EXPERIENCES

Top performers, artists, scholars and culture keepers, our *Work of Heart Curators*, have created powerful experiences for gala guests. Together, their curated offerings — in the realms of cuisine, music, dance, visual art, theatre and performance art — exhibit the far-reaching influence and traditions of Africa and the African Diaspora.

EVENT FORMAT

Over the course of 4.5 hours, the evening will unfold with a progression of lively experiences, as each floor and every gallery of the Gantt Center is activated, sequentially, to engage and entertain guests.

In a gallery stroll-style, that we call our “soul stroll,” gala guests will flow through the Gantt’s galleries and spaces to eat, drink, connect and enjoy a steady rotation of concurrent performances and entertaining offerings. Dedicated lounge spaces will be available; seating will be limited.

Brief program remarks will occur mid event (approximately 8 pm).

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Elevated cuisine influenced by the flavors, spices and ingredients of diasporic gastronomies will be served throughout the evening. Whether full plates or small bites, guests will enjoy a global and moveable feast.

Open bar service will offer beer, wine and an array of spirits and craft cocktails as well as soft drinks and water.

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Beyond ticket purchases and sponsorships, this year’s fundraising goal during the event is \$45,000 and up. Guests will be invited to “Text To Give” using their cell phones.

GETTING HERE

- **Complimentary Valet Parking** – The valet service station will be located along Stonewall Street (heading westward), between South Tryon and South College streets.
- **Self Parking** – Parking for Levine Center for the Arts is located across the street from the Gantt. The entrance to the garage is at 101 W. Stonewall Street. Visitor parking is offered on levels P1 and P2. Attendants will be collecting payment for a Knight Theater performance. Please tell the parking attendant that you are coming to the Gantt so that you are not charged. Upon arrival at Gantt registration, please request a parking voucher.
- **Road Closures** – Due to multiple construction projects along South Tryon, you may experience road and lane closures as well as detours. Please take this into account as you map your route to the Gantt.

Note: South Tryon Street, between Stonewall St. and MLK Blvd, will be closed on Oct 26.

- **Lyft** – For our gala guests who choose to leave the driving to others, we are pleased to provide a \$5 discount from 5 pm – 11:30 pm, if you choose to use Lyft. We will provide the discount code on October 24.

WHEELCHAIR AND SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Please reply and let us know if you require a wheelchair.

SCHEDULE

6 pm

- *Valet parking opens*
- *Guest check-in opens*
- *Champagne reception*
- *Inspired music and performances*

7 - 10:30 pm

- *Silent auction*
- *Open bar service*
- *A Moveable Feast*
- *Soul Stroll through Our “Work of Heart” Exhibitions, Experiences and Performances*
- *Photo fun*
- *Dancing*

Program remarks approximately at 8 pm

Thank you for supporting the Gantt Center. We can't wait to see you on the 26th!