



## Beach Institute Presents: Nothing Is As It Seems, Works by Malaika Favorite



Woman Looking for Herself

On Sunday, February 7, 2010, the Beach Institute will open the first exhibit in the 2010 series, A New Vision for the Arts.

Nothing Is As It Seems, is an exhibit of works by artist and writer, Malaika Favorite. The opening reception will take place at 3pm in the West Gallery of the Beach Institute with a gallery talk by the artist. Additionally, the Savannah Black Heritage Festival, in conjunction with the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, will salute local artist Ligel Lambert with the opening of

an exhibit featuring his works in the second floor gallery.

NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS is a series of works inspired in part by the poem, WE WEAR THE MASK by Paul Laurence Dunbar, and by the artist's continuing study of the choices people make and the consequences that result from those choices.

The latest collection by Ms. Favorite, this series of 3-D mixed media pieces and wall pieces based on "Choices and Consequences" emphasizes making choices and possible results. The

works are designed to promote discussion about these choices we make in life.

Ms. Favorite is an artist and writer living in Augusta, Georgia. She received her BFA and MFA from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She has shown nationally in a number of group and solo exhibitions and she was recently commissioned to produce her second large scale mural, West End Remembers, for the City of Atlanta. Her work is found in collections throughout the United States including: Emory University Goizueta Business School, Absolut Vodka collection, Morris Museum of Art, Augusta GA, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA., Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA., The Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, GA., Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta, GA, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH.

This event is free and open to the public. Funding for the Favorite exhibit was provided in part by the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs.

For additional information, contact (912) 234-8000 or visit www.kingtisdell.org

## Final Phase of Truman Parkway Construction to Begin

The Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded a \$67.5 million contract for construction of the fifth and final phase of the Harry S. Truman Parkway.

Work should begin this spring or summer on the extension from Whitefield Avenue to Abercorn Street with completion anticipated by 2014.

Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., of Wilmington, NC, was awarded the contract, valued at \$67,494,183, to extend the four-lane divided highway the final two miles, which will include building bridges across the Wilshire Canal and Vernon River.

"The Department is delighted that we finally can finish this important project," Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., said. "The Truman Parkway has become a vital component of providing both better mobility and economic development for Savannah and Chatham County. Obviously, it's taken us awhile to get to this point. Local officials and legislators have been steadfast in

their support and that helped enormously in keeping the parkway at the forefront of our priorities."

"We would like to thank the members of our legislative delegation, Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith and the members of the State Transportation Board for providing the funds to finally complete

the fifth phase of the Truman Parkway," Chatham County Commission Chairman Pete Liakakis said. "This project will be both a terrific boost to our infrastructure and to our local economy."

The concept of the Truman Parkway has been discussed and under consideration since the mid-1960s. Construction began in 1990 and that first phase, from DeRenne Avenue to Henry Street, opened in 1993.

Phase Two, from Henry to President Street, followed in 1997; DeRenne to Montgomery Cross Road constituted Phase Three and opened in 2004; Phase Four from Eisenhower Drive to Whitefield Avenue opened in 2005. The total cost for these four segments was approximately \$95 million.

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