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African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – Works from the collection of the David C. Driskell Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, are featured at the Susquehanna Art Museum from October 7, 2016 – January 22, 2017. *African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center* includes works by renowned artists such as Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, and Sam Gilliam and couples their work with exciting new visionaries, including Chakaia Booker, Lorna Simpson, and Kara Walker.

This exhibition collectively reflects the growing prominence and complexity of the field of African American Art over the last 60 years. It honors the legacy of the 1976 exhibition *Two Centuries of Black American Art: 1750-1950*, curated by Prof. David C. Driskell at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Forty-two artists are represented in *African American Art Since 1950* by forty-nine works from the Driskell Center Permanent Art Collection. The exhibition is divided into three, often overlapping, sections: Politics of Identity in African American Art; Driskell's Circle of Colleagues; and New Voices. *African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center* is curated by Dr. Robert E. Steele and Dorit Yaron, the David C. Driskell Center's Former Executive Director and current Deputy Director, respectively, and by Independent Scholar Dr. Adrienne L. Childs.

EVENT: Saturday November 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Lecture in the main gallery by Prof. Curlee Raven Holton, Executive Director of the David C. Driskell Center and Distinguished Artist in Residence, Department of Art, University of Maryland. Free with museum admission.

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The Susquehanna Art Museum offers innovative and engaging exhibitions enjoyed by visitors of all ages. As Harrisburg's only dedicated art museum, it is a cultural anchor for central Pennsylvania. Located at 1401 N. 3rd Street in historic Midtown Harrisburg, SAM is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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