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DREAMS MAY COME DURING SYNTHIA SAINT JAMES ART AND LIFE LECTURE AT RAFFMA



SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — World-renowned multicultural artist, award-winning author and illustrator Synthia SAINT JAMES will provide insight on her journey to success and inspire others to live their own dream on May 24, from noon-1:15 p.m. at the Cal State San Bernardino art museum, RAFFMA.

"Living My Dream: A Conversation with the Artist Synthia SAINT JAMES" will focus on her art, career and marketing success. The artist will also be available for a book signing immediately following the discussion.

A short exhibition of 20 paintings by SAINT JAMES will be on display May 11-31 at RAFFMA.

SAINT JAMES' art provides inspiration in itself, attracting the audience through bold colors and clear lines. Her work provides a sense of happiness and unity, while provoking a positive emotional response.

"Synthia SAINT JAMES always approaches art and audiences with something positive," said Glenda Masingale Manson, of Sisters and Friends in Bloomington-Normal, Ill. "A superstar, she exhibits authentic sensitivity and stirring imagination. She made us feel at home, as if we had traveled the diverse journeys with her and been equally important in her enjoyment of each and every experience.

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Nobody imagines life, or visualizes all of its grand possibilities, better than her. No wonder the arts trumpet her genius."

SAINT JAMES, a self-taught artist and popular speaker, credits the creator and her ancestry (which includes African American, Native American, Haitian and German Jew) for her artistic gifts. She is most celebrated for designing the first Kwanzaa stamp for the United States Postal Service in 1997, for which she received a History Maker Award.

SAINT JAMES also is a popular keynote speaker and architectural designer, who has garnered numerous awards over her 40-plus-year career, including the prestigious Trumpet Award, an honorary doctorate degree from Saint Augustine's College, NAWBO-L.A.'s Hall of Fame Inductee Award and Women Who Dared Award. Her book, "Living My Dream: An Artistic Approach to Marketing," has been nominated for the 2012 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work-Instructional.

Admission to SAINT JAMES' lecture is free. Parking is available in lots M, A and the west parking structure. Special hourly and daily permits for lot M can be purchased at the museum front desk. For more information call (909) 537-7373 or visit <http://raffma.csusb.edu>.

About RAFFMA

The Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art is a nationally recognized museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. It is the only accredited art museum in San Bernardino. RAFFMA has accumulated a permanent collection of nearly 1,200 objects focusing on Egyptian antiquities, ceramics and contemporary art. Located at Cal State San Bernardino, RAFFMA houses the largest permanent and public display of Egyptian art in Southern California.

General admission to the museum is free. Suggested donation is \$3. Parking at Cal State San Bernardino is \$5 per vehicle.

The museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and is closed Friday and Sunday. For more information, call (909) 537-7373 or visit the RAFFMA website at <http://raffma.csusb.edu>.

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