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## **Final Days to See Mixing Metaphors Exhibition** *African-American Art Exhibit Closes July 31st*

**Atlanta, GA.-** There is only a short time left to see one of the best exhibitions of photography, paintings, prints, drawings, mixed media and sculpture by African-American artists. *Mixing Metaphors: the Aesthetic, the Social and the Political in African American Art* closes on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The artwork is from the Bank of America collection and includes almost one hundred different works. You can check out a sample of the works at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library page on Facebook.

The exhibition captures the vision of 36 different artists, from documentary photographers Ernest C. Withers and Robert Sengstaacke to the jazz portraits of Chuck Stewart, early portraits of life during the Harlem Renaissance by James VanDerZee to Dawoud Bey's modern day portraits in Harlem. Legendary greats included are Gordon Parks, Romare Bearden, John Biggers, and Jacob Lawrence. Living masters include Sam Gilliam, Faith Ringgold and Carrie Mae Weems. Emerging and mid-career artists are Julie Mehretu, Fred Wilson, Whitfield Lovell and Lorna Simpson.

"The caliber of the artwork is superb," said Carter Museum curator Sylvia Naguib. "It's just very exciting to be able to present that level of quality," she added.

The works in *Mixing Metaphors* were selected by photographer and art historian Deborah Willis. "Some of the artists imagine stories about family life," Willis said. "Others reflect on ideas about music and love and a few look at line, color, form and narrative to explore memories. Several of the photographs and paintings depict and document experiences that transformed mid-twentieth century events."

This exhibition is provided by Bank of America's Art in our Communities® program. Through the program, Bank of America has transformed its collection into a unique community resource from which museums and nonprofit galleries may borrow complete exhibitions. By providing these exhibitions and the support required to host them, this program helps enrich communities culturally and economically and generate vital revenue for museums. By the end of 2011, Bank of America will have loaned more than 50 exhibitions to museums worldwide.

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