

Phoenix Art Museum

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Phoenix Art Museum celebrates opening of new Sikh Art Gallery

The Dr. Darshan Singh and Ajit Kaur Khanuja and Mr. Jaswant Singh and Mohinder Kaur Sikh Art Gallery will be the second gallery space in the United States dedicated to displaying Sikh art

PHOENIX (April 7, 2017) – On Saturday, April 22, Phoenix Art Museum will hold a private ceremony to commemorate the official naming of a gallery space that will be dedicated to exhibiting Sikh art. Amada Cruz, the Sybil Harrington Director and CEO of Phoenix Art Museum, and the Board of Trustees will present the naming of the Dr. Darshan Singh and Ajit Kaur Khanuja and Mr. Jaswant Singh and Mohinder Kaur Sikh Art Gallery, made possible through a generous gift from Dr. Parvinderjit Singh Khanuja. This gallery space will be the second exhibit space in the United States to focus exclusively on displaying Sikh art.

The gallery naming is made possible through a generous gift from Dr. Parvinderjit Singh Khanuja. Originally from India, Dr. Khanuja is an oncologist and researcher who practices in Chandler and Mesa. He and his wife, Parveen, are members of Phoenix Art Museum's Director's Circle and Asian Arts Council. They also have a personal collection of Sikh art. Recently, Dr. Khanuja made a generous donation for a named space in the Museum's Asian Art Gallery that will be dedicated to displaying Sikh art. The soon-to-be-named space will be one of only two such exhibit spaces in the country, allowing Phoenix Art Museum to present Sikh art on an ongoing basis.

The private reception for this gallery naming will begin at 3:30 pm at the Museum. At 4 pm, there will be a special presentation by Paul Michael Taylor, PhD, Director of the Asian Cultural History Program and Curator of Asian, European, and Middle Eastern Ethnology at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The ceremony is open to media by invitation. For press inquiries, contact Margaree Bigler, Office of Marketing and Communications at Phoenix Art Museum, at 602.257.2105 or margaree.bigler@phxart.org.

About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years and is the largest art museum in the Southwestern United States. Critically acclaimed national and international exhibitions are shown alongside the Museum's permanent collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. The Museum also presents festivals, a comprehensive film program, live performances and educational programs designed to enlighten, entertain and stimulate visitors of all ages. Visitors also enjoy vibrant photography exhibitions through the Museum's landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona. To learn more about Phoenix Art Museum, visit PhxArt.org, or call the 24-hour recorded information line at (602) 257-1222.

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