Gala dance marks inauguration of Josh Johnston Endowment Fund

BALTIMORE LUMINARIES seen at the gala dance and cocktail buffet hosted Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Baltimore Museum of Art in celebration of the inauguration of the Joshua Johnston Endowment Fund are (L to R) Mrs. Bishop Robinson (a dance committee co-chairperson); Police Commissioner Bishop Robinson, George Wicks Jr. and Dr. Rosetta Stith.

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SHEILA STAINBECK (C), anchorwoman for WBAL-TV, is caught by the camera with (from left) Jerry Cole III and City Councilman Kweisi Mfume.

FAMED SINGER DANIEL COMEGYS (L) is pictured with (from left) Betty Glascoe, Dr. Ernest Murphy and Mrs. Daniel Comegys, Daniel Comegys' wife.

The Board of Trustees and the Committee for the Joshua Johnston Endowment Fund of the Baltimore Museum of Art hosted a gala dance and cocktail buffet celebrating the inauguration of the Joshua Johnston Endowment Fund Saturday, Dec. 1.

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. guests arrived at the Museum to dine from the sumptuous buffet and to dance to music by the Mighty Invaders.

Although very little is known about the personal history of Joshua Johnston, Baltimore directories of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries list him as a portrait painter and freeman.

Johnston's portraits of prominent Baltimore citizens, adults and children, rendered in his unique style with characteristic repetitions of detail, expression and gesture, remain a testament to his significant talent.

The Baltimore Museum of Art has in its collection of American art several important examples of Johnston's portraiture.

To foster the continuation of this long tradition of Black artistic expression in Baltimore, the Baltimore Museum of Art is establishing the Joshua Johnston Endowment Fund, with a goal of $1,000,000.

The income from this fund will support Museum exhibitions, programs and related activities of particular interest to the Black community which will also provide cultural and aesthetic enrichment to the entire community.

Dance co-chairpersons were Dr. Claudia Thomas and Brooks C. Robinson. Committee co-chairpersons were J. Paul Bright, Jr., Irving Hamer, Mrs. Will Jackson, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, Jan Rivitz, Mrs. Bishop Robinson and Otis Warren.

RADIATING CHARM are (from left) Kathy Britton and Pamela Shaw.

GLEEFUL GABBERS during the festivities are (from left) Dr. Annelle Primm and Jill Smith-Dobson.

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Homecoming Queen recently. She is presently in the Health Occupation Clinical Program and plans to attend college to obtain her doctorate in the field of pediatrics.

Her hobby is modeling. She won the crown with four other girls in competition. She is the daughter of Princie L. Campbell.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM NEW NCNW PREXY

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I am calling upon all women in Baltimore to be supportive of the forthcoming programs and projects of NCNW. We will be publicizing our activities and we ask that you participate as members or cofriends of the Council.

We ask that you talk about NCNW in your groups so that the Baltimore community will know that the Baltimore Chapter of NCNW is very much alive. Support from the women in the community will enable the council to become one of the most vibrant chapters in the country.

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