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Timken Museum of Art Hosts the *Orange & Black Soiree* October 27; Annual Gala Features Vocalist and Song Stylist Jonathan Karrant and San Diego's Award-Winning Jazz Musician Gilbert Castellanos

Black-tie optional event will be catered by Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grille; proceeds to benefit the Timken's diverse educational and community engagement programs

The ***Orange & Black Soiree***, now an annual fall tradition at Balboa Park's **Timken Museum of Art**, will take place on Sunday, October 27. This year's black-tie optional event will feature guest vocalist and song stylist **Jonathan Karrant** and San Diego's award-winning jazz musician and trumpeter **Gilbert Castellanos**. The *Orange & Black Soiree* will take place in the intimate setting inside the Timken where guests will be surrounded by the Museum's impressive collection of European and American masterworks and Russian icons. In addition, guests will have the chance to view the recently installed exhibition, *Masterpieces of Italian Drawings from The British Museum* featuring stunning works from the 15th and 16th centuries. The *Orange & Black Soiree* promises to be a night of friendship, socializing, exquisite food and pure entertainment with no auction or paddle raise. Honorary chairs of the event are **Joye Blount** and **Jessie J. Knight, Jr.**, with **Reena Horowitz**, **Jeanne Jones** and **Doreen Schonbrun** serving as co-chairs.

An Intimate Gathering of 100 Guests Catered by Pamplemousse Grille

The evening begins with a sunset cocktail reception followed by a pre-concert dinner paired with Veuve Cliquot champagne for 100 guests and catered by the award-winning Jeffrey Strauss of Pamplemousse Grille.

Jonathan Karrant, vocalist

Immediately following dinner, the Timken will be transformed into **Café Karrant** when vocalist Jonathan Karrant takes to the stage to perform favorites from The Great American Songbook by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Etta James. Karrant will also add his style and signature to popular hits such as *Moondance*, *Feelin' Good*, *Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lover* and one of his most requested songs, *Teach Me Tonight*. Audiences have characterized Karrant as a great

Interpreter of song, a storyteller, a singer who brings music and lyrics to life. In 2014, Karrant was the recipient of the New York City Jazz Cabaret Honors and has been voted “Best Singer” by the Bravo San Diego Awards.

Gilbert Castellanos, jazz artist and trumpeter

Café Karrant will also features one of the country’s most popular jazz musicians—trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos. San Diego-based, Castellanos is a nationally renowned musician, composer, arranger, curator and educator. He has been named by *DownBeat Magazine* as one of the country’s most innovative jazz trumpeters in its feature story, *25 for The Future*. For more than a decade, Castellanos has been a member of The Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra performing around the world and recording with the renowned big band led by John Clayton and drummer Jeff Hamilton. At home, Castellanos has held a Friday night residency for five years at The Westgate Hotel’s Plaza Bar, San Diego’s most elegant and intimate listening space. The San Diego Music Awards has honored Castellanos as the 2013 Artist of the Year, selected both of his solo recordings, *Underground* and *The Federal Jazz Project*, as Album of the Year and recognized him six times as Best Jazz Artist.

Benefitting Educational Outreach and Free Admission to the Timken

The *Orange & Black Soiree* is the Timken’s primary fundraising event benefitting the Museum’s educational outreach programs and allowing the Timken to maintain its free admission policy for up to 250,000 visitors throughout the year. The Timken offers a variety of lectures, gallery discussions, public tours, music programs and art-making workshops to audiences of all ages.

Included among the diverse educational and community engagement programs with which the Timken continues to enrich San Diego’s diverse population are:

- **Art in the Morning:** This popular, free series of lectures invites the public to hear from curators, artists and specialists discussing specific works of art or the seasonal exhibitions.
- **ARTSReach:** Designed specifically for senior residents of assisted living facilities, this program provides an opportunity to explore the both the Timken’s masterworks along with other national and international museums through illustrated presentations.
- **Creative Engagement:** A comprehensive art program for active veterans and military personnel who are receiving treatment for physical or mental injuries at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. This free program provides participants with the opportunity to engage with art as a creative outlet for expression.
- **School Visits/Title 1 Program:** Approximately 6,000 K-12 students enjoy special tours to the Timken each year. Classes from Title 1 schools in underserved neighborhoods receive free transportation and account for more than half of the Museum’s visitors.
- **Creative Choices:** This free outreach program provides weekly art classes for those incarcerated in Juvenile Hall. In this interactive class, students learn about composition, color theory, line, value and proportion and have the chance to share their artwork with their fellow classmates and communicate their ideas, thoughts and feelings.

Orange & Black Soiree: Tickets, Prices, Timeline:

Hipster - \$1,000 VIP ticket includes:

(\$900 is tax-deductible)

- One Pamplemousse and Veuve Clicquot pre-concert dinner at the premier table.
- One premier Café Karrant concert seat featuring guest vocalist Jonathan Karrant
- One VIP meet and greet with Jonathan Karrant
- Valet parking
- Donor name listed at the *Orange & Black Soiree*

BeBop - \$500 ticket includes:

(\$400 is tax-deductible)

- One Pamplemousse and Veuve Clicquot pre-concert dinner
- One Café Karrant concert seat featuring guest vocalist Jonathan Karrant
- Valet parking
- Donor name listed at the *Orange & Black Soiree*

Orange & Black Soiree Evening Timeline:

5:00 - 6:00: Cocktail Reception

6:30 - 7:30: Dinner catered by Pamplemousse Grille

8:00 - 9:15: Café Karrant featuring guest vocalist Jonathan Karrant
with trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos and accompanying band

9:30: *Orange & Black Soiree* concludes.

Mark Your Calendar:

‘Orange & Black Soiree’ - Sunday, October 27, 2019

Honorary chairs: Joye Blount and Jessie J. Knight, Jr.

Co-chairs: Reena Horowitz, Jeanne Jones and Doreen Schonbrun

Black-tie optional

- **RSVP by Friday, October 11:** www.timkenmuseum.org/calendar
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