



JRB ART AT THE ELMS

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EVENTS

Opening Reception

Fri, December 7th, 2018, 6 – 9 pm

JRB New Year's Day Brunch

Tuesday, Jan 1st, 11:30am – 2:30pm

Hi-res images are available here:

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JRB Art at The Elms Presents

“Christmas at The Elms”

Sohail Shehada & Stella Thomas

OKLAHOMA CITY – Christmas at the Elms celebrates its 15th anniversary at JRB Art at The Elms, during the historic Paseo Arts District's First Friday Gallery Walk. The new exhibitions open December 7th from 6-9 pm and will be on view through Saturday, December 22nd. This popular holiday event will feature selected gallery artists who have created gift-able artwork especially for the season, as well as solo shows by Sohail Shehada and Stella Thomas. The exhibit, opening reception, and artist talks are free to the public, as a part of JRB Art at the Elms' Beyond Art Series.

Sohail Shehada, an internationally recognized and awarded sculptor and painter will present several large paintings and sculptures reflecting the origin and development of art, artists, and aboriginal culture in his adopted country of Australia. Shehada currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Figurative Sculpture and Drawing and the University of Oklahoma and has created several sculptures that are permanently displayed on the campus of the University.

Born in Kuantan, Malaysia, Stella Thomas started designing and creating clothes at a very young age. She attended the Paris American Fashion Academy, FITC, in Kuala Lumpur, graduating first in her class and winning a scholarship to study in Paris. She has subsequently lived in the United States and Thailand, working with several couture designers and creating unique pieces for celebrities, diplomats, pageant contestants and members of the royal families of Malaysia and Thailand. For this exhibit at JRB Art at The Elms, Stella uses raw materials, beautiful fabrics, natural stones, horn bone and gemstones to create one of a kind jewelry pieces and sculptural apparel.

The December Group Invitational Show at JRB Art at The Elms this year will feature work from recognized artists who work in a variety of media, materials and styles. Those artists include: Jeff Dodd, Dan Mieduch, Michi Susan, Beth Hammack, John Brandenburg, Dan Rose III, Robert Peterson, Jim Keffer, Janet Massad, Karam Cheong, Irmgard Geul, Robert Peterson, Skip Hill, Don Narcomey, and Bert Seabourn.

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