



## **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts News Release**

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### **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Breaks Ground on a \$3 Million Garden Project**

**Montgomery, AL**— Months of planning will turn into reality as the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, located at 1 Museum Drive, breaks ground Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 A.M. making way for the construction of a new Sculpture Garden. The three acre site will grow out of the Lowder Gallery and the Artworks studios on the east side of the building. This is one of the capstone events being held in conjunction with the celebration of the Museum's 25th anniversary in the Blount Cultural Park.

Initially, the Garden will host annual temporary exhibitions featuring works by contemporary artists throughout the United States, as the Museum considers acquiring pieces that relate to the Museum's stellar permanent collection of American art. MMFA's director, Mark M. Johnson, says, "This new gallery space will add even more vitality and beauty to our Museum and Park. We feel this venue will be an unparalleled addition to our cultural landscape and be a top destination for visitors, who will experience a three-dimensional sculpture in an ever-changing, natural setting."

Board President, Barrie Harmon III states, "This space adds a whole new dimension to the Museum, one like we've never been able to experience. A place for quiet contemplation, to enjoy the art, and a new venue for our special events."

The first major step is to create a service road to the Museum's dock that will create boundaries for the new Garden. The entire project is expected to be complete in Spring 2016. Please join Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange, the President of the MMFA Board of Trustees Barrie Harmon, Museum Director Mark M. Johnson, and other sculpture garden committee members for this event.

#### **Sculpture Garden Committee Members:**

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