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**AFRICAN
AESTHETICS**

***Second Annual African Art Auction
and Fundraiser***

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

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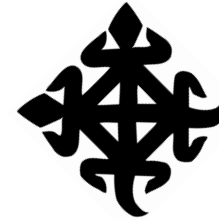
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AFRICAN AESTHETICS

*Second Annual African Art Auction
and Fundraiser*

Proceeds benefit the CUBM scholarship fund and the Urban Leadership Initiative.

Abyssinia, LLC is a gallery that specializes in unique and rare works of art from various countries in Africa. Owner Martha Vasser has imported special items from Africa to support this event.

Special guests Elaine Effort of KQV Radio and Vince Sims of WPXI-TV will announce the auction winners.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

6PM - 8:30PM

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Since our inception in 1988, we have grown in numbers of students enrolled and classes offered, and today our student body and faculty are more culturally diverse than ever. We are committed to our mission of educating urban students in southwestern Pennsylvania for effective service in their local communities. Through our accredited, biblically-based degree programs and other learning experiences, we encourage meaningful relationships with others of diverse backgrounds. Our partnership with Geneva College allows us to provide individuals the opportunity to attend a two-year Christian college within the city limits of Pittsburgh. In order to aid urban community development, CUBM recently expanded their degree program to include an associate degree in business administration in addition to the Christian ministry degree.

The alumni you will meet tonight are representatives of each of our graduating classes. They were adults who stopped talking about going to school and did something about it. They were busy individuals with little time and few resources who took a step of faith because they realized the difference education makes in a life, a family, and a community. We are proud to have been the first step on their journey of higher education.

We want to continue to offer affordable quality education. Your continued support will help us fulfill our vision of becoming the leader in providing an associate degree program in Pittsburgh with a Christian worldview and a network for our students that will help them maximize the economic opportunities for growth here in their communities.

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to serve as the honorary chairperson for the second annual African Aesthetics Art Auction. I must confess that I was not that familiar with the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry until a few months ago. I had the privilege, however, of visiting the school one evening to watch the students in action and I was impressed! The students here are serious about continuing their education. They realize that CUBM offers them the opportunity for personal and career growth that will impact their lives for generations to come.

I found a student body and faculty at CUBM who are committed to learning in a Christian environment. I am honored to accept their invitation to serve tonight in the capacity of chairperson of this event.

I thank you for coming to support CUBM, Mrs. Karla Byrd, and their students at this benefit for their scholarship fund and Urban Leadership Initiative. Please get to know something about CUBM while you are here tonight and then do what you can to support this worthy effort.

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Urban Leadership Initiative (ULI) is a program within CUBM that provides each student with the fullest possible exposure to the communities in which they live and work, and an introduction to global communities. We design ULI's programs – seminars, conferences, workshops, and forums – to encourage and equip students for participation in a variety of interdisciplinary and interdenominational Christian ministries, faith-based agencies, community organizations, government agencies, and businesses. ULI uses collaborations, internships, and mentoring relationships to expand the student's education outside the classroom.

Whether you are looking to start or restart your college education, or just take courses for career enrichment, the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry offers a biblically based education for transformation.

Visit www.cubm.org for more information.



Agenda

Welcome

Karla Threadgill Byrd, *CUBM Executive Director*

Alumni Endorsements

Yvette Camp
John Knight
George Lautner

African Art

Martha Vasser, *Owner – Abyssinia Imports*

Honorary Chairperson

Dr. Beatrice Vasser

Auction Instructions

Elaine Effort, *KQV Radio*
Vince Sims, *WPXI-TV*

Invocation

Dr. William Glaze, *CUBM Board President*

Live and Silent Auctions

Elaine Effort
Vince Simms

Closing Remarks

Linda Rinchiuso, *Board Member*

Musical Selections by Stephen Smith

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LIVE AUCTION ITEM

Six-Day Photo Safari in South Africa

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- **Two game viewing activities per day**, guided by professional game guides in open game viewing vehicles, in Zulu Nyala game reserve (Filming location of “I dreamed of Africa” starring Kim Basinger)

All transfers as well as tailor-made tours within South Africa and neighbouring countries can also gladly be arranged as we have a vast knowledge of what is available in the region as well as schedules, flight times, etc.

Many who have successfully bid on this package have truly enjoyed the experience of a lifetime. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Trevor Shaw

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CONGRATULATIONS!

CUBM on your second annual African Aesthetics art auction and your investment into so many lives. Kathryn and I are proud to support the work that you do in providing quality education in an environment that allows urban adults to begin the journey of fulfilling their purpose. We are sorry we cannot join you this year, but wish you continued success.

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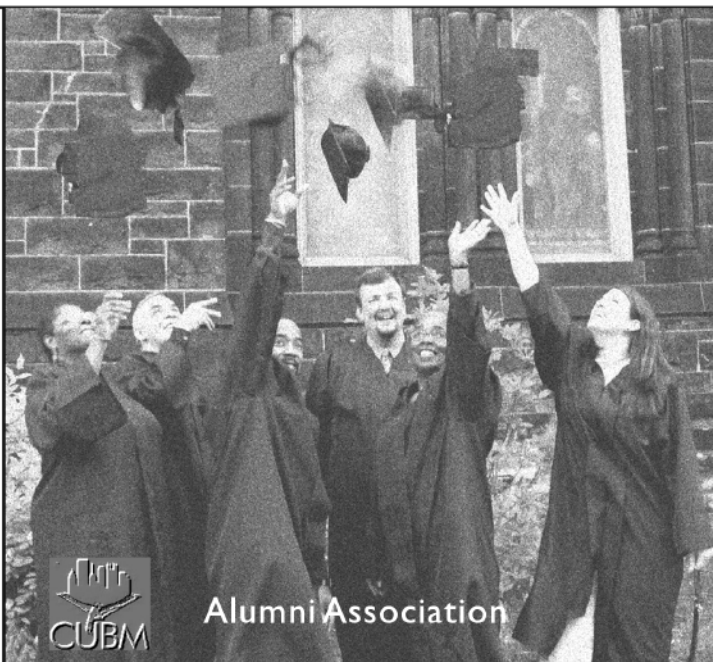
Congratulations from a CUBM Alumna

The Center for Urban Biblical Ministry presented a gateway to my educational goals. Like many people, necessity required me to enter the workforce and put my education on hold. CUBM offered a degree program that fit my busy schedule and ideally positioned me for completing undergraduate studies at Geneva College so I could begin a graduate program on my way to my ultimate goal of a doctorate. The diverse faculty, student body, and conferences promoted personal growth while teaching a solid Christian worldview through all curriculums. The CUBM experience encouraged me to start my own organization and travel to Africa doing work that was only a dream before. I am proud to support their work of transformation through education that builds strong communities.

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