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Museum of the African Diaspora Announces 2024 Afropolitan Ball, San Francisco's Premier Annual Celebration Uplifting Black Creatives and Diversity in the Arts

**Saturday, October 5, 2024
San Francisco Design Center Galleria**



SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) is pleased to announce its annual fundraising gala, the **Afropolitan Ball**, on **Saturday, October 5, 2024** at the **San Francisco Design Center Galleria** in the heart of the city's Design District. Each year, the Afropolitan Ball is a dynamic celebration that provides critical support for the museum's operations and distinctive mission to support international artists and creatives across the African diaspora. This year will emphasize MoAD as a platform for visionary contemporary art, presenting world-class exhibitions and placing local talent in profound dialogue with the global art world.

"The Afropolitan Ball is an annual capstone moment in which we focus on the future of MoAD through an inspired consideration of our past and present, communing with our patrons who help give shape to all we have in store," said Monetta White, Executive Director. "We are thrilled

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to lead the charge around Black and African diasporic artistic practices here in the Bay Area. This renewed commitment towards our mission could not be stronger, especially on the heels of MoAD's 20th anniversary taking place next year."

Throughout the evening of October 5, MoAD will welcome over 600 guests from around the world, including artists, curators, scholars, authors, designers, celebrities, executives, politicians, and all who are shaping the future of art from the African diaspora. The celebration will kick-off at 6PM with a **VIP Reception** for premier patrons and guests, who will enjoy exclusive access to unique culinary offerings and captivating program highlights. **The Party** will immediately follow at 9PM and will feature special performances from "**Key Choice Ensemble**" with jazz & afrobeat stylings followed by a lively DJ set from Bay Area legend **DJ LadyRyan**.

"At MoAD, we are privileged to collaborate with artists, designers, and creatives of the diaspora, offering our visitors the opportunity to experience the world through their eyes. The Afropolitan Ball plays a crucial role in creating support for artists, and the sustained work we do to bring their visions to life," said Key Jo Lee, Chief of Curatorial Affairs and Public Programs.

Additionally, this year's Afropolitan Ball will celebrate the opening of its special exhibition ***Liberatory Living: Protective Interiors & Radical Black Joy***, on view from October 2 to March 2, 2025. To purchase a table, lounge, or individual tickets for the 2024 Afropolitan Ball, make a donation, or for more information, please visit moadsf.org/event/afropolitan-ball-2024 or contact Sheeka Arbuthnot at ball@moadsf.org.

ABOUT MoAD

MoAD (Museum of the African Diaspora) is a contemporary art museum whose mission is to celebrate Black cultures, ignite challenging conversations, and inspire learning through the global lens of the African Diaspora. MoAD is one of only a few museums in the United States dedicated to the celebration and interpretation of art, artists, and cultures from the African Diaspora. The museum presents exhibitions highlighting contemporary art and artists of African descent and engages its audience through education and public programs that interpret and enhance the understanding of Black art. Founded in 2005, the museum continues to be a unique cultural arts staple in the San Francisco Bay Area community. For more information about MoAD, visit the museum's website at moadsf.org.

General Information

For general information, the public may visit MoAD's website at moadsf.org or call 415.358.7200. MoAD is located at 685 Mission Street (at Third), San Francisco, CA.