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The **28th ANNUAL TABLE TALK** Tuesday, March 25, 2025







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Table Talk benefits the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Houston. The WGSS Program combines theoretical and empirical studies, to give students the tools to analyze the gender dynamics of the past and present and to build a fair future.

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Theme: Besties!

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Ballroom of the Americas 11 am Reception | 12 pm-1:30 pm Conversations over Lunch

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FEATURED ARTIST: SARAH LUNA



Topo Floral 5, 2024 (acrylic, resin, paper on canvas)



Spicy Pop, 2024 (collaged paper, gold foil, spray paint, acrylic on wood)



Bright Purple, 2024 (clay, resin, foil)



Tiger in the Flower Garden, 2024 (acrylic, paper on wood canvas, acylic shadowbox)



Navy and Black Double Pop Collage, 2024 (paper, acrylic on wood)

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No Looking Back, 2023 (acrylic, resin on wood)



Lucky Cat, 2024 (acrylic, aerosol, paper, resin on wood)