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Inaugurate, Innovate! The Arts Leadership Symposium

Friday March 21, 2025, 1pm – 6pm

Dudley Recital Hall, School of Art

Outline of day's proceedings

- 1:00pm Welcome and introduction with Dean Andrew Davis
- 1:15pm Introduction to Arts Leadership program by Fleurette Fernando, Director of Arts Leadership and Associate Dean of Academic & Strategic Initiatives
- 1:25pm Introduction to Naima J. Keith by Amanda Cachia, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Arts Leadership
- 1:30-2:30pm **Keynote address: “Leading with Purpose: Access, Diversity, and Leadership in the Arts”** Naima J. Keith, Vice President of Education & Public Programs, Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- 2:30-3:00pm Q & A with Naima J. Keith led by Paula Wilson
- 3:00-3:15pm 15 minute break
- 3:15-4:30pm **Panel: “From student, to artist, to leader - the journey of career development in the arts”**
Chaired by Paige Kutschall & Chelsea White
Confirmed panelists:
1. Mark Folkes, President & CEO, Hobby Center, Houston
 2. Jennifer Bowman, Director of Community and Learning, Houston Grand Opera
 3. Brian Ellison, Educational Program Manager, Project Row Houses
 4. Brittany Bass, Programs Manager, Dance Source Houston

4:30-6pm

Career Fair in Dudley lobby with community arts organizations

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| - Center for Performing Arts Medicine |
| Hobby |
| Houston Ballet |
| River Oaks Chamber Orchestra |
| Stages |
| Art League Houston |
| DaCamera |
| Islamic Arts Society |
| Alley Theatre |
| Houston Contemporary Dance Company |
| Writers in the Schools |
| Lawndale Center |

6pm

Opening reception for MFA exhibition at Blaffer Art Museum