



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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CELEBRATE JAZZ AND BLUE AT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM THIS SATURDAY

WHAT: Join us for an evening of jazz and *BLUE* at The Textile Museum this Saturday! Enjoy musical performances by the Blues Alley Youth Orchestra and celebrate April as “National Jazz Month.” The orchestra, whose mission is to preserve and promote the big band jazz genre, is comprised of accomplished student musicians ranging in age from 11 to 17 years old. Explore the exhibition *BLUE* with our docents and enjoy wine, beer and light refreshments. Fee: \$10/Textile Museum members; \$15/non-members. Advanced registration required; space is limited. Call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64 to register. Co-sponsored by Blues Alley Society “Big Band JAM.”

WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 5-7 pm

WHERE: The Textile Museum, 2320 S Street NW, Washington DC 20008
Metro: Dupont Circle, Q Street exit

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION *BLUE*: This exhibition celebrates the creative vision of contemporary textile artists working with natural indigo dyes and explores the history and significance of blue textiles across time and place. Objects on view include installations by contemporary artists as well as 30 historic textiles from the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Middle East – including one of the oldest pairs of blue jeans still in existence. Complementing the exhibition is a film by Mary Lance, a work-in-progress of the upcoming documentary *Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo*. *BLUE* is on view April 4 through September 18, 2008.

ABOUT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM: Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Museum explores the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over. Special attention is given to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and fiber art. With a collection of more than 18,000 textiles and rugs and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique and valuable resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, DC. The Museum is open Monday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

In fall 2009, The Textile Museum will open an expansion space, dedicated to rotating exhibition and public programs, at 421 7th Street, NW, in Washington's Penn Quarter neighborhood. For more information about this exciting initiative, please visit www.textilemuseum.org/expansion.htm

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