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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Taft Museum of Art Announces Public Programs for 2021 Duncanson Artist-in-Residence, April 12-26, 2021**

*Fashion designer Asha Ama Bias-Daniels will lead public programs, teach workshops, and visit schools across Greater Cincinnati*

**CINCINNATI**—March 2021—The Taft Museum of Art and the Robert S. Duncanson Society kicks off the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Duncanson Artist-in-Residence this April with fashion designer Asha Ama Bias-Daniels. Bias-Daniels is most widely recognized as the first Cincinnati designer to be a competitor on the television series *Project Runway* as a finalist on *Under the Gunn* and as a returning contestant for the newest *All Stars* season.

As the 2021 Duncanson Artist-in-Residence, Bias-Daniels will lead public programs, teach workshops, and visit schools across Greater Cincinnati through April 12–26, 2021.

#### **Public Events & Features**

**Virtual Event | Duncanson Artist-in-Residence Welcome & Artist Talk**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | | 6:30–7:30 p.m.**  
**ONLINE**

Join the Taft Museum of Art as we virtually welcome the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Duncanson Artist-in-Residence, fashion designer Asha Ama Bias-Daniels, during our virtual opening event and artist talk. We invite the community and members of the press to kick-start her residency with us on this special evening! This is a FREE event.

**Virtual Tour | Duncanson Artist-in-Residence**  
**Wednesday, April 14 | 12–12:30pm**  
**Wednesday, April 21 | 12–12:30pm**  
**ONLINE**

Can't make it to the museum? Take a docent-led virtual tour online. This April, join the Taft's 34<sup>th</sup> annual Duncanson Artist-in-Residence, fashion designer Asha Ama Bias-Daniels as she leads a specially curated online presentation featuring her work now on view at the Taft Museum of Art. These presentations are 30 minutes long and require registration in advance. FREE for members, \$5 for non-members.

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**Workshop | Fashion Crowns**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2021 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**  
**OFF-SITE | Clifton Cultural Arts Center**

Join the Taft's 2021 Duncanson Artist-in-Residence, fashion designer Asha Ama Bias-Daniels, for a creative day at the Clifton Cultural Art Center. Together, you will learn how to create and design your own headpiece while experimenting with an array of unconventional items, paint, and embellishments to showcase your identity.

This workshop is appropriate for all genders and is catered to grades 7–12. All supplies included. Registration required. This is a FREE event.

**On View | Garments by Asha Ama Bias-Daniels**  
**February 27–June 6, 2021**  
**ON-SITE | Taft Museum of Art**

Guests to the Taft Museum of Art can discover a few examples of Bias-Daniels' work alongside the museum's current exhibition, *Walk This Way | Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes*. Included with admission to the Taft Museum of Art. Advanced tickets are required.

**More events and features to be announced on a rolling basis at**  
**[taftmuseum.org/duncanson-artist-in-residence](http://taftmuseum.org/duncanson-artist-in-residence).**

## **About the Duncanson Artist-in-Residence Program**

Established in 1986 by the Taft Museum of Art and the Robert S. Duncanson Society, this program honors the achievements of contemporary Black artists working in a variety of disciplines. The program honors the relationship between painter Robert S. Duncanson and his patron, Nicholas Longworth, who commissioned Duncanson to paint landscape murals in the foyer of his home, now the Taft Museum of Art. Asha Ama Bias-Daniels will be the 34<sup>th</sup> artist-in-residence through the program's long tenure.

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## **The Duncanson Society**

The Robert S. Duncanson Society was founded in 1986 by the late Doris Rankin Sells, the late William Joel McCray, and Ruth K. Meyer to affirm an ongoing Black presence within the structure of the Taft Museum of Art, including the Duncanson Artist-in-Residence program, and to celebrate Robert S. Duncanson's artistic contributions.

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## **About the Taft Museum of Art:**

The Taft Museum of Art is a living landmark tucked away in downtown Cincinnati, where art and history lives on the walls—*and in the walls*. Built around 1820 as a private home for several of Cincinnati's most prominent citizens, the Taft Museum of Art is now one of the finest small art museums in America and holds National Historic Landmark status for its [historic house](#) and [Duncanson murals](#).

Throughout our 2001–2004 expansion, guests can also always enjoy special exhibitions, the historic outdoor garden, events and programming for all ages, and complimentary on-site parking. It is all under one roof, culminating in a one-of-a-kind, multi-sensory experience that puts you at the center of art and history.

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