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YEMA Gallery announces the exhibition

Diaspora

February 25 – March 26, 2011

Curated by Adrienne Wheeler and Toni Thomas

Artists: Geraldine Gaines, Mansa Mussa, Monica Holder, Rebecca Lowry, Papa Gora Tall, Wahala Temi, and Zethray Peniston

Artists Reception: Friday February 25 7–9:30PM featuring poets Dujuana Sharese and Esther Morales at 8PM

About the Exhibit:

In March of 2010 the United Nations General Assembly enacted resolution 64/169 which deemed 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent. The resolution reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights #1 which proclaimed that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth without distinction of any kind. Therein resolution 64/169 is aimed to increase the knowledge, understanding and respect for the diverse heritage and cultures on the African continent. Yema Gallery recognizes the significance of this UN declaration and is pleased to host two exhibitions this year that will highlight the influence of the diverse African cultures on contemporary artists. *Diaspora* is the first of these exhibitions.

Diaspora features seven artists whose work is informed by their connection with African culture. Artists **Geraldine Gaines, Mansa Mussa, Monica Holder, Papa Gora Tall, Rebecca Lowry, Wahala Temi, and Zethray Peniston** will present work that showcases their unique connection with the African diaspora and their desire to create art that seems to have direct ancestral associations presented with contemporary perspectives. The work of these artists speaks directly from a cultural connection in voices unaffiliated with any popular art trends or western cultural hegemony. Yema Gallery is proud to shed light on the significance of the African diaspora with an exhibition that presents seven talented artists with an awareness of the diaspora and how they have evolved as a result of it.

Closing Event: **Saturday March 26 Artist Talk and Potluck Luncheon from 3 – 5PM**

YEMA Gallery

540B Freeman St, Orange, New Jersey

Gallery Hours: Wednesday & Friday from 4 -7PM and Saturday from 12 – 4PM

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