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# ASIAN ART MUSEUM OPENS GORGEOUS EXHIBITION WITH GRIT & GLAMOUR PARTY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, 2014— Get <u>Gorgeous</u> on opening night. The Asian Art Museum opens its collaborative exhibition with SFMOMA and SFMOMA's On the Go program

with the <u>Grit & Glamour party</u> on Friday, June 20, 7–11 p.m. Bay Area performance collective, International Haus of Nu Benetton, will present a fierce runway performance of vicious voguing throughout the night, culminating in the main "couture" fashion show from 9–10 PM in the grand Samsung Hall. The interactive vogue dance and runway show performed by 10 dancers, voguers and models will excite audiences for an in-your-face experience of ballroom culture.

Partygoers can take their nails to the next level with TopCoat Nail Studio, which will be adorning hands with fresh designs inspired by the Asian Art Museum and SFMOMA artworks in the exhibition. If you miss them at the party, TopCoat will be at the museum during the run of the show.

Boogie to the bottom-shakin' beats of DJs Dr. Sleep, Robot Hustle (Honey Soundsystem), Natalie Nuxx and davO (Double Duchess). Drinks, food, a photo booth and a liquid light show complete the night.

The afterparty, *Some Thing Gorgeous*, will be at the Stud (399 Ninth St.; \$10 cover) for drag, art and performance. Doors open at 10 PM, shows at 11 PM and midnight, and dancing till we drop.

# About Gorgeous (#HelloGorgeous)

A selection of 72 stunning artworks drawn from the collections of the Asian Art Museum and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), *Gorgeous* challenges visitors to confront the extremes and the ambiguities of beauty. On view June 20–Sept. 14, 2014, this special exhibition features an extraordinary mix of objects, spanning more than

2,200 years and dozens of cultures to bring together artworks that, in a variety of ways, extend beyond conventional notions of beauty. Presenting these paintings, sculptures, photographs, design objects and drawings in new and unexpected contexts using an experimental approach, the exhibition aims to stimulate viewers to examine their ideas of what it means for something to be gorgeous. The exhibition is organized by the Asian Art Museum in partnership with SFMOMA as part of SFMOMA's <u>On the Go</u> program. See exhibition press release here.

#### Date/Time

Friday, June 20, 2014, 7-11 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Place

Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Cost \$20 members, \$25 general Buy tickets at www.asianart.org/party

## Event link http://bit.ly/gritglamour

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### ABOUT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

The Asian Art Museum–Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renowned collection of more than 18,000 Asian art treasures spanning 6,000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking. www.asianart.org

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