



Art scene

The University of Houston's Blaffer Gallery 713 Dinner Friday showcased the local art scene and introduced the gallery's new director, Don Bacigalupi, right. Joining him were, from left, Blaffer advisory board chair Derby Wilson and prize-winning exhibited artists D. Jabari Anderson and Shazia Sikander. The party began in the gallery with a preview of the 1996 Houston Area Exhibition and concluded with dinner at the new UH Athletic/Alumni Center with catering by Ann Swain. Among the 150 guests helping bring in \$19,500 were UH president Glenn Goerke and wife Joyce, Nancy Wilson, Marvin and Liz Seline, Dr. Robert Card and Karol Kreymer, Byron and Suzanne Bohnn, Guy and Darla Comeaux, Marjorie Horning, Bob and Mary Kay Casey, Marshal and Victoria Lightman, and artist and award-winner Bonnie Smith Newman.

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