

## Press Release...

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### **The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center will hit the runway with: Eye Candy: A Tribute to Fashion to raise funds for children scholarships.**

**BALTIMORE** – The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center will become the runways of Paris with a spring fashion show entitled “Eye Candy:

A Tribute to Fashion.” On Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the center located at 847 N. Howard Street. The evening will feature an art show with the works of artist Tommy Roberts and Jerry Prettyman, food, dancing, and the highlight of the evening “Eye Candy: A Tribute to Fashion. Admission \$40.00

This one-of-a-kind star-studded fashion show brings together on one runway many of the most influential American designers paired with elite models for the first time ever. Featured designers include Murrell Alexander, Erika M. Yuille, dBA Yuilltidings of Columbia, MD, Hyman & Hyman, Lenny Yorke, as well as others.

With the sale of tickets, proceeds will go towards scholarships for students who are gifted and talented but cannot afford to pay tuition for the coming summer program. “We all want to celebrate fashion and art, but there are children in Baltimore City who do not have the financial support to attend a summer arts camp,” explains show producer Lawrence Allen of LA Styles. The production Eye Candy: A Tribute to Fashion is the first fundraiser for the newly formed volunteer group The Friends of the Eubie Blake Center.

The Friends are members of the arts community who are committed in maintaining The Eubie Blake Center as a place where children and adults can connect with the arts.

The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to purchase tickets or to make a donation for this event.

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For more than three decades, the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center has sought to bring creative expression and urban consciousness to Baltimore through visual and performing arts education and development opportunities for children, youth and adults in our community.

