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On Q Performing Arts Presents

Finance to Fine Art: A Moderated Conversation with Special Guest Russell L. Goings

Official Kickoff Event for Season 5: Behind the Dream

Charlotte, NC—September 19, 2013— **On Q Performing Arts, Inc.** presents **Finance to Fine Art: A Moderated Conversation with special guest Russell L. Goings** on Wednesday, October 2 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Uptown Charlotte at the **Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture** located at 551 South Tryon Street.

Goings is a Wall Street pioneer, celebrated art collector, former pro athlete, founder of *Essence Magazine*, quintessential Renaissance man and author of ***The Children of Children Keep Coming***, which is the On Q Season 5's opening show.

Goings graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1959 as a star athlete. He briefly played professional football, but instead of pursuing fortune on the field, Goings went to Wall Street. He proved a skilled investor, rising to become the first Black brokerage manager for a New York Stock Exchange member firm. Later, he became the first Black owner of an investment firm. He also co-founded ***Essence Magazine*** and became chairman of the **Studio Museum** in Harlem.

It was during his time at the Studio Museum that Goings connected with many leading Black artists: **Jacob Lawrence, Charles White, Elizabeth Catlett** and **Romare Bearden** (with whom he developed a deep friendship, subsequently becoming heir to one of the largest collections of Bearden's works in the world). From the first collage Bearden created, to the last, Goings' collection includes numerous rarely seen drawings and sketches. The inspiration for ***The Children of Children*** came from a set of Bearden's felt pen and watercolor drawings that depicts key figures of the Black narrative.

The **Finance to Fine Art** event will be moderated by **James T. Barber of Kravis Barber Group** with a pre-event tour of the famed Kinsey Collection scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and post-event book signing for Goings' ***The Children of Children Keep Coming***. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at www.carolinatix.org.

For interview requests with Russell L. Goings or for media credentials, contact Jameka Whitten at [Jameka@jswmediagroup.com](mailto:jameka@jswmediagroup.com) or 704.261.5290. To learn more about On Q Performing Arts and Season 5: Behind the Dream, visit www.YouAreNowOnQ.com.

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On Q Performing Arts, Inc. began in 2006 with a mission to produce classic, contemporary and original performance works that reflect the minority experience, especially that of the African American. For more information, please visit www.YouAreNowOnQ.com.