

EBONY FASHION FAIR EXHIBITION FACT SHEET

Exhibition Description: The *Ebony Fashion Fair* show exhibition will showcase an American story that explores the show's legacy, vision and the creativity of Eunice W. Johnson, who was the co-founder of Johnson Publishing Company. The show will include priceless garments collected over the fashion show's 50-year history. This world-renown show redefined the concept of American beauty. It was the first to showcase the fashion and beauty sense of African American women. The exhibition will include works from the icons of fashion including **Oscar de la Renta, Christian Dior, Stephen Burrows, Yves Saint Laurent, Patrick Kelly, and Christian Lacroix** among others.

Exhibition Dates: **March 16, 2013 through January 4, 2014**

Exhibition Hours: Monday through Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614,
312.642.4600

Admission: The exhibition is included with Museum admission of \$14 adults/ \$12 seniors and students, and free for Children 12 years of age and younger. Please visit www.chicagohistory.org for a schedule of Illinois Resident Discount Days, offering free admission to the Museum.

Website: www.chicagohistory.org

Transportation: CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 73, 151, and 156 stop nearby. The Brown Line Sedgwick station and Red Line Clark/Division station are also located approximately one half-mile from the Museum.

Parking: Public parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets; enter on Stockton Drive.

Cost: \$9 with Museum validation; Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards are accepted.

Accessibility: Specially located spots have been reserved for persons using mobility devices. Call 312.642.4600 for more information.

Exhibition Highlights:

- The exhibition features approximately 60 garments from the *Ebony Fashion Fair* costume collection significant to late 20th century fashion. The show exemplified the beauty of African American women.
- The exhibit will examine the show's impact, significance, and the life force behind the show, Eunice W. Johnson.
- The featured works come from icons of fashion history such as *Oscar de la Renta*, **Christian Dior**, **Stephen Burrows**, **Yves Saint Laurent**, **Patrick Kelly**, and **Christian Lacroix** among others.

The Museum's Costume Collection:

- The Chicago History Museum has the second largest costume collection in the United States, and one of the largest in the world.
- The collection contains over 50,000 garments and accessories from the 1720s to present.
- The Museum's emphasis on provenance provides historical background information on fashion that is not often presented in other museum exhibitions or collections.
- Exelon is the local presenting sponsor for the *Ebony Fashion Fair* exhibition, with additional support from the Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum.

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The **Chicago History Museum**, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.

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