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The Masur Museum of Art Presents Two New Exhibitions:

## Joey Slaughter: Things are Heavy

Exhibition Currently on View Through November 5, 2022  
Public Reception: Thursday, September 22.  
Reception Time: 5:30-7:30 pm with artist's talk at 6:00 pm  
Location: Masur Museum of Art, 1400 South Grand Street  
FREE admission

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### About the Artist:

Joey Slaughter, an artist working out of Ruston, Louisiana, is an Associate Professor of Art at Louisiana Tech University. He creates abstractions from conversation, as if you could see sound waves from analogue and digital devices passing through and around people. Slaughter has exhibited widely throughout the US in both solo and group exhibitions.

### Artist's Statement About the Exhibition:

Everyone I know says they are busy, tired, and have a lot to balance. This show examines moving forward staying positive and appreciating living in this current moment. The work in *Things Are Heavy* range from poured paint skin collages to colorful rounded sculptures. The sculptures are attached to hand trucks as a way to show the potential of finding balance and finding helpful ways to move and navigate.

AND:

## **Art on Purpose: Creating a Lasting Legacy**

Exhibition Currently on View Through February 25, 2023

Public Reception: TBA

### **About the Exhibition and Collectors:**

This exhibition is mainly comprised from the art collection of Cheryl and Will Sutton and features works of art by African American artists, focusing on notable artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The exhibition also features work borrowed from area African American artists. With this exhibition the Suttons express their passion and a purpose for art in our lives, their love for the people of Louisiana, as well as their family and each other. The Suttons have been active art collectors for 40 years.

### **Collector's Statement:**

Art ignites our passion and fuels our purpose. It outlives all of us and is passed on from generation to generation. Every great civilization is known for its art. From the earliest sparks of creativity found in ancient cave paintings, to great masterpieces from Cleopatra's tomb and pyramids to Ancient Greece, Rome, and China ...to modern day masterpieces collected in museums around the world. Join us for some inspiring moments to reflect on art's purpose and perhaps find a new passion for art, beauty, and culture and develop a new purpose in your life.

### **Selected Images from each Exhibit Below:**

### **Images from Joey Slaughter: Things are Heavy:**



**Joey Slaughter, *Attending Presence / Everyone Has a Ghost in Their Closet*, 2022, MDF, acrylic paint, hardware on dolly/hand truck, Courtesy of the artist**



Joey Slaughter, *Worry Wart*, 2020, Poured acrylic paint, cut paper, collaged on paper, Courtesy of the artist



Joey Slaughter, *Slow Talk*, 2020, Poured acrylic paint, cut paper, collaged on paper, Courtesy of the artist

## Images from Art on Purpose: Creating a Lasting Legacy:



Faith Ringgold, *Wynton's Tune*, Color lithograph, Courtesy of the Sutton Collection



Drék Davis, All works courtesy of the artist, Left to right:  
*P.M.D. FRAK*, Mixed media assemblage



***P.M.D. NoMega, Mixed media assemblage***

***P.M.D. White, Mixed media assemblage***

***Por Adebisi, Mixed media assemblage***



**Left: Daniel Minter, *Midwife*, Mixed media, Courtesy of the Sutton Collection**

**Right: Daniel Minter, *Alabama Woman at Bedside*, Mixed media, Courtesy of the Sutton Collection**

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**Masur Museum of Art**

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The Masur Museum of Art is the largest collecting and exhibiting institution of modern and contemporary art in Northeast Louisiana. We are dedicated to bringing dynamic public programming to our community that emphasizes artists from Louisiana, the Southeast, and around the world. The Masur Museum of Art is a division of the City of Monroe's Department of Community Affairs. Exhibitions and educational programs are funded by the Twin City Art Foundation. The Masur Museum's mission is to provide a quality visual arts experience through temporary exhibitions, educational programs, and collections management for the citizens of Monroe and the community of Northeast Louisiana.