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## **The PMA gets Funky with New February Exhibit: *Funky Turns Forty* February 23<sup>rd</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup>**



Pensacola, FL – The Pensacola Museum of Art (PMA) is pleased to announce its' upcoming exhibit, *Funky Turns Forty*, from The Museum of Uncut Funk collection. The exhibit will take place at the PMA from February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The museum will also host an Opening Reception on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30PM. The PMA would like to thank Cox Communications for their generous corporate sponsorship of the event.

Loreen Williamson and Pamela Thomas created the Museum of Uncut Funk in 2007 to digitally showcase their now 300 and counting pieces of 1960's and 70's animation art. *Funky Turns Forty*, a traveling exhibition, commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of 1970's Saturday Morning cartoons that featured positive Black characters for the first time in television history. The collection houses pieces from popular shows like, "Hey, Hey, Hey, It's Fat Albert" "The Jackson 5ive, "Josie and the Pussycats," and " The Harlem Globetrotters," to name a few. Also, *Funky* will contain several interactive features, making it the perfect family friendly outing.

The PMA is excited to honor Black History Month by showcasing the significance this period of animation art had on American society. *New York Times* author, Felecia R. Lee, said it best in her review of *Funky*, stating that, "the revolution that it documents is from stereotype to superhero." The 1970's cartoons featured black characters as the stars of the plot, something that had rarely been done before. The artwork of *Funky Turns Forty* not only represents a milestone in black history, but also in diversifying American art and media. Don't miss the opportunity to get your groove on and celebrate Black History Month with the characters of 1970's Saturday Morning cartoons!

### ***Funky Turns Forty* Opening Reception: Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm to 7:30pm.**

This event is free and open to the public.

Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Museum is closed on Sunday and Monday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 children 17 & under, military, and seniors. Admission is free for Museum members.