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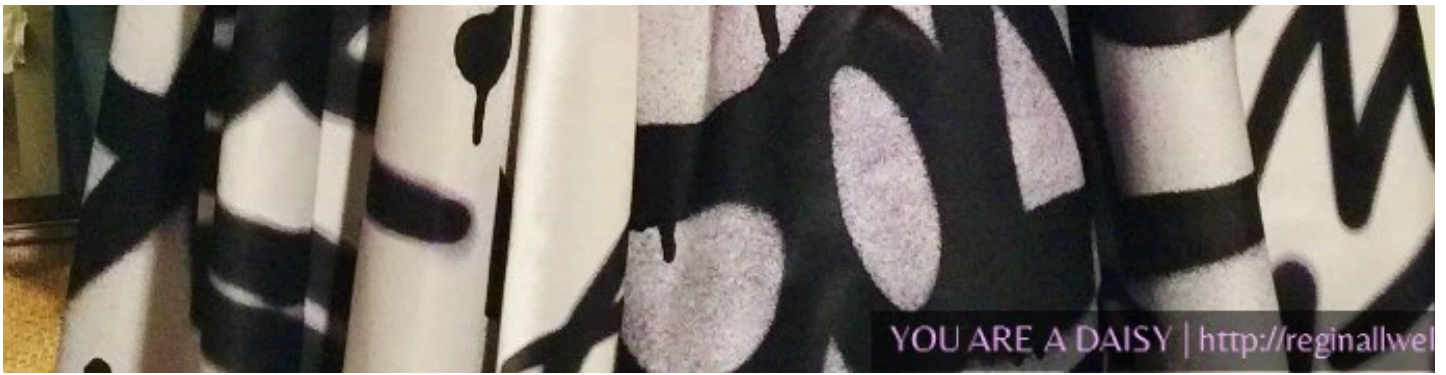
Haute Hip Hop Opening Party

February 2, 2016

It has been so long since I've been to an exhibit or done anything remotely cultural (watching *Downton Abbey* counts), that I was beyond excited when I read about the *Haute Hip Hop* exhibit at projects+gallery in the Central West End. *Haute Hip Hop* "celebrates the the hip-hop phenomenon and its preeminent influence on contemporary art, culture, and fashion." I attended the Opening Party Friday night and had a ball.



Haute HIP HOP



I was stunned by the variety of media at the exhibit. In addition to paintings, photograph prints, there were pieces of fashion as art, including the Moschino Graffiti Gown above from the Fall 2015 collection. I absolutely fell in love with these headphones and shoe. (I don't know the artists are, so I've taken to calling these pieces, "Bling Headphones" and "Bling Shoe" respectively.)





The *Haute Hip Hop* Opening Party was so much fun...and so packed! DJ Smitty was on 1 and 2's delighting art and hip hop aficionados with a variety of modern hip hop. (Confes didn't know what "on the 1's and 2's" meant 30 years ago, and I still don't, so I probably I all wrong.)

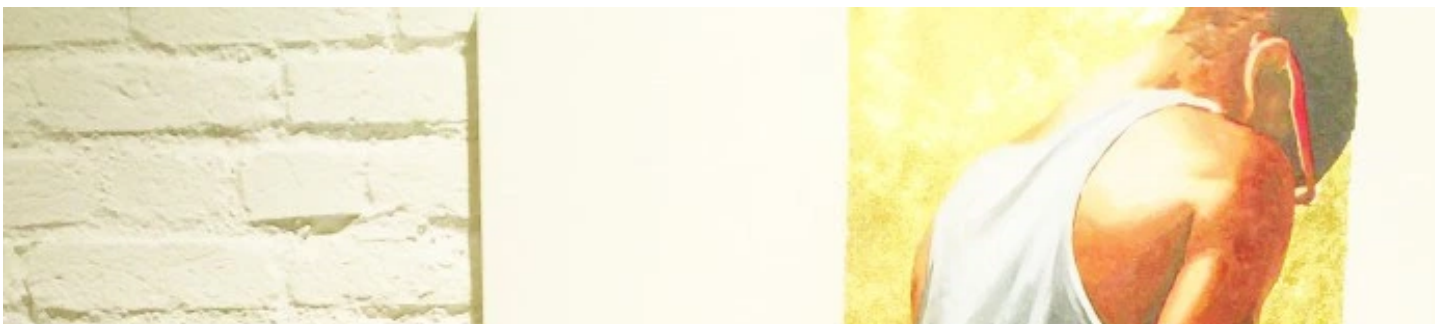


Kehinde Wiley "After Pontormo's "Two Men With a Passage from Cicero's 'On Friendship'"



Kehinde Wiley "Gypsy Fortune Teller" Jacquard tapestry in Italian cotton and Italian Visco

[Kehinde Wiley](#)'s works take the heroic poses of the masters' paintings and replaces black men as the subjects, sometimes blending patterns taken from 1950's decor and Norman Rockwell. One of my favorite artists in the exhibit is [Fahamu Pecou](#), who blends irony, goth fashion, and acrylics to challenge what we think we see. I had to do a double-take because I originally allowed my prejudices about "saggin'" to influence my ability to see the works. I was a little embarrassed by my rush judgment, especially when Pecou's purpose in his GRAV•I•TY is to "use the fashion-trend of saggin' as an allegory to comment on contradictions of male identity, access and agency for young Black men."¹

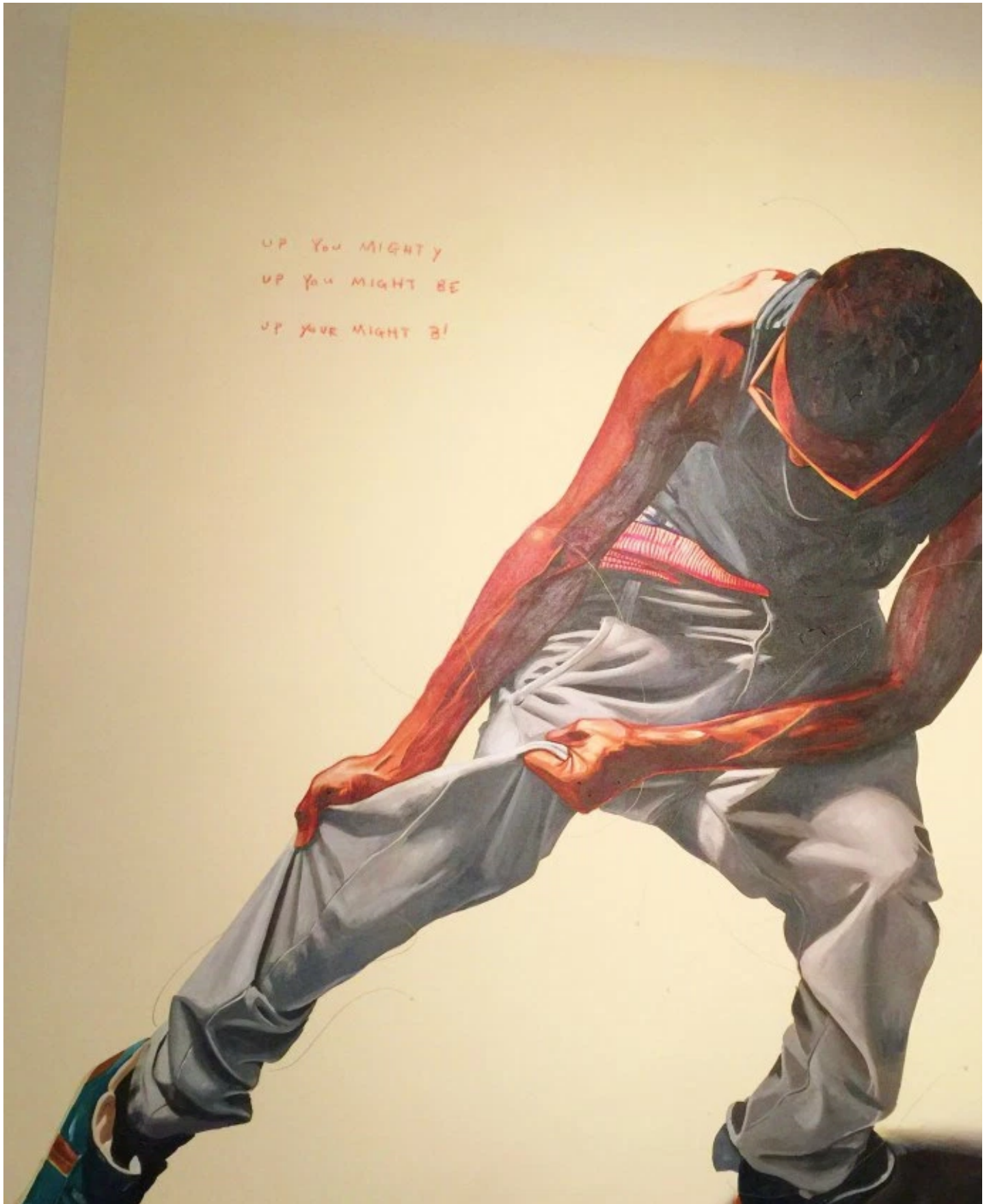




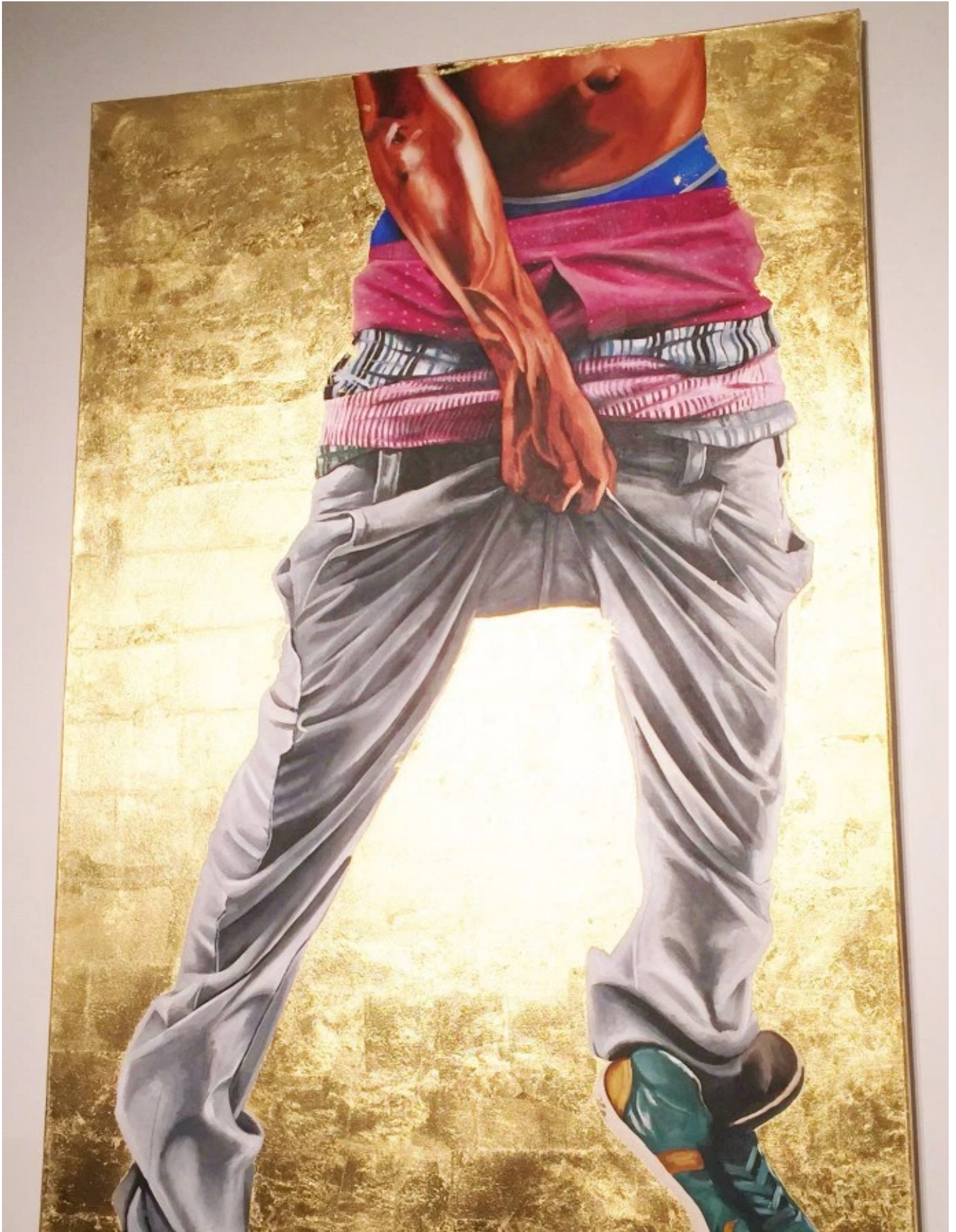
Fahamu Pecou "Rising Down"

You can't tell from the photos of me, but I wore my skinny jeans tucked into my cowboy (brown with blue and red detailing); and the incongruity of the cowboy boots and the h themed exhibit that struck me as I was walking into the event tickled me to no end all ever

was my own inside joke. (For all I know, it might have been an inside joke to some other too, now that I think of it.)



Fahamu Pecou "Up, You Mighty"





Fahamu Pecou "Black Boy Fly"





Fahamu Pecou "Trophies"



Hank Willis Thomas "Black Power"



The *Haute Hip Hop* exhibit is open until March 12th, so if you live near St. Louis or are making a trip, I would recommend visiting to see the full exhibit. The vibrancy of the (especially the “Bling” works and the gold foil works) are not captured in photographs, I assure you. You can find more information about *Haute Hip Hop* [here](#), and the exhibit is free. The exhibit venue, projects+gallery, is a commercial art space featuring artists and exhibits “the boundaries of traditionally understood artistic disciplines and practices.” I’d say they meet their mission beautifully with this exhibit. If you would like more information on projects+gallery, you can find it [here](#).

How do you see hip hop influencing fashion? I’d love to hear from you in the comments.



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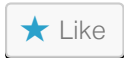
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**Michelle Reeves - TheJoyChaser** · 16 days ago

Those shoes! My second *bling* post of yours today - I'm going to start calling you the #bling ☺ This looks like a great exhibition and I love the juxtaposition of subject and style (your boo not lost on me!) Thanks for sharing a great review at #sharethejoy

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Michelle Reeves - TheJoyChaser · 16 days ago

I'm so tickled that you pointed that out because as I have been working on my office makeover, I have been thinking, "I think I've gone bling crazy....oh, yeah, I've gone bling crazy." LOL! Thank you for catching the irony too! I so appreciate you taking time to v me...and for hosting #ShareTheJoy! I love that party and I love The Joy Chaser! (As an that I should have posted in my other reply...part of the reason I justified switching pla related to my Word for the Year, which was inspired by your post, "What's Your Word 2016" <http://thejoychaser.com/journe...>

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Lindsey · 18 days ago

This looks like an awesome event. I wish we were in the area! My fiance and I love this kind o Tweeting and stumbling this post. ;)

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Lindsey · 18 days ago

Lindsey, thank you so much! You are such a daisy! I really think that this exhibit should noticed that many of the individual artists tour, but there I didn't find a collective like tl national scale. Hopefully, it is successful enough that someone decides to take it on tl I appreciate you taking time to visit and share! Thank you!

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sue · 19 days ago

Hi Regina, Congratulations! You are in my top two picks for this week's Over the Moon Link u really enjoyed your post and the photos. I learned more about what Hip Hop really is. See you week and don't forget to get a copy of your Feature badge.

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → sue · 18 days ago

Thank you, Sue! I am so excited and honored! You know I love #OverTheMoon and all lovely hostesses!

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vanity andme · 20 days ago

This looks like a great event. I love to go to anything like this in London. Get those gold shoes Laurie x

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Jet Setting Divas · 21 days ago

Hello Regina! Visiting from Mingle Monday. Love the art from the exhibit! And the bling headp seem like a nice accessory I would like to add to my collection! I have a friend who lives in St

so I may have to tell her to check it out!

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Jet Setting Divas · 21 days ago

Yes, those headphones are amazing! Definitely tell your friend to check the exhibit out that my photos are not doing the pieces justice...and I only included a few of the pieces the concept of Jet Setting Divas! That is so much fun that you blog together! Thank you much for taking the time to stop and visit!

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sue · 22 days ago

Hi Regina! Firstly, I'm a Downtown Abbey fan as well and I'm looking forward to the final season which starts in Australia next week. I'm impressed with this exhibition I have never really taken hop however this exhibition is very interesting and I've learnt more about this culture through post. Love the gold headphones and those heels - you could do some damage with those! Thanks for sharing with us at #Overthemoon

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → sue · 22 days ago

I wish Downton Abbey aired simultaneously everywhere so we could all be on the same but, I promise, no spoilers. I am so sorry to see this show go. I just hope that the next Masterpiece show that replaces it is half as good. (What am I saying,? It's Masterpiece course it will be.) LOL! Someone certainly could do some damage in those shoes. I just were me. If only they had had the other one on display...just kidding. Sue, I am so happy you stopped by and found something that you liked. I appreciate you taking the time to with me!!

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Nikki Frank-Hamilton · 23 days ago

This looks like a fun event. I love art, all art. Especially when it tells a story like this. The headphones are right up my alley! I love all the different forms of creativity, but that dress is my favorite. I love black and white and graphics, in prints, pillows, art, and clothing. So cool!!! BTW, you are just adorable! xx

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Debbie Roberts · a month ago

Hi Regina, the art work looks fantastic. I particularly like Black Boy Fly and Up, You Mighty, that is amazing. And anything blingy is a winner with me.

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Debbie Roberts · a month ago

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— I must admit that the Smiley drew my eyes in. I'm so happy that you saw something that spoke to you. I hope that this becomes a touring exhibit. It is pretty neat. Thank you much for taking time to visit!

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G2W · a month ago

Hi Regina! I love this post! The artwork is incredible. I'm not familiar with any of the artists, but I'm basically out of it! But, I love the work by Kehinde Wiley. Brilliant. Thank you for sharing it with us!

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → G2W · a month ago

I was completely unfamiliar with any of the artists too (although my husband, an artist, knew most of them...of course). It was a treat every few steps! Thank you for reading,

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Daenel T · a month ago

What a fun exhibit! I never would've thought... Hip Hop. But it makes sense.

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Daenel T · a month ago

Daenel, same here. I never considered the larger influence of hip hop until recently when my husband began pointing out the worldwide effect of hip hop culture and music. I love the creativity of the exhibit and the artists featured.

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Mrs Tubbs · a month ago

That does look a fun evening :) (I'm sure Downton counts as culture btw!)

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Mrs Tubbs · a month ago

Thank you, Nicola! I was hoping Downton Abbey counted. I certainly feel more culture every episode. LOL!

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Leanne@crestingthehill · a month ago

wow - there is a whole world of art that I had no idea about (though I think I saw those headphones on a haute couture runway somewhere!)

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Regina L. L. Wells Mod → Leanne@crestingthehill · a month ago

Aren't those headphones something else? They command attention, that is to be sure with you Leanne, preparing for my last post made me aware of a broader appreciation of what is "art" (Although I've always considered shoes art)

what is art . (Although I've always considered shoes art.)

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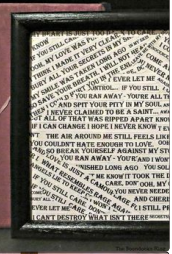
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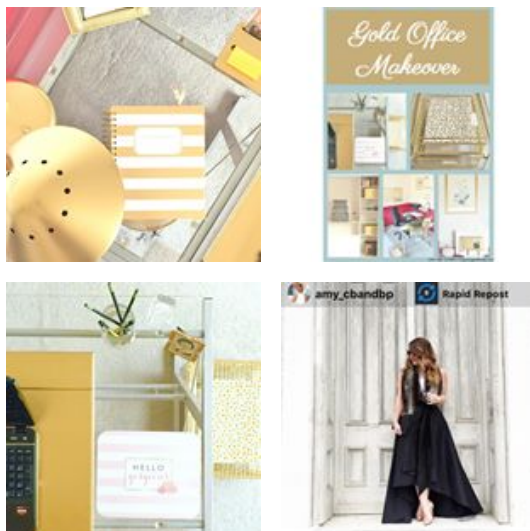
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