





Deborah Colton Gallery

Deborah Colton is a patron of the arts in the United States and internationally. Over the past two decades, Deborah has served as a Board Member of Exit Art, New York, the Advisory Board of Artadia in New York, and as a Board Member of the McKinney Art Contemporary (MAC), Dallas. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Anthology Films Archives in New York and is on the Dean's Cabinet of the University of Houston Libraries, representing the Visual and Performing Arts Special Collections.

In addition to supporting many Performing and Visual Art non-profits over the years by Chairing their fundraisers and making donations, **Deborah Colton** continues her mission through various endeavors to help make Houston a destination city for the arts, nationally and internationally.

As part of this mission, she opened Deborah Colton Gallery in Houston shortly after she and her family moved back from Asia in 2000. Deborah Colton Gallery has sponsored numerous exhibitions that featured artists from Asia, the Middle East - Arab World, Russia, Canada, Latin America and Europe, with a goal of encouraging more cross - cultural exchange through the arts. Additionally, a strong part of the gallery's programming is to promote Houston artists and provide a forum to connect Texas, national and international artists to create active dialogue for positive change. The Gallery's FOUNDATIONS Projects focus on the importance of revering Houston's artist and art history. She is also the co-founder of OUTPOST NYC DCG which is the Deborah Colton Gallery virtual arts initiative.

Deborah Colton has received numerous awards including various Who's Who awards, the YWCA Women in Leadership - Texas Women of the Arts and has most recently been selected as one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Women by Houston Women's Magazine. Through chairing and donating her gallery space to worthy non-profits for the past two decades, **Deborah Colton** has helped raise more than \$15 million which has helped children in Houston and worldwide. A mother of two daughters, who are now both married with their own children, **Deborah Colton** and her husband value the importance of nurturing future generations.



THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 16, 2022, as

Deborah Colton Gallery Day

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2022.

Sylvester Turner
Mayor of the City of Houston