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ROSENBERG**
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Museum of Fine Arts' Grand Gala Ball, Domestic Art book launch party at Neiman Marcus, World AIDS Day Luncheon kickoff at Saks Fifth Avenue, Texas Children's Hospital at Ralph Lauren, UNICEF Gala, Theater District afternoon soirée, Silver at Glassell, Texan-French Alliance for the Arts, Deborah Colton's "A Time For Change." *Whew.*

PHOTOGRAPHY GRAY SCOTT, STYLING KATE ALLEN STOKERBERG, MARCHESA GLASS ORGANZA EMBROIDERED DRAPED DRESS WITH GOLD BIRD SHOULDER DETAIL, PRICE UPON REQUEST, BY ELIZABETH ANTHONY/ESTHER WOLF, TOUTSIES, HAIR MONELABS WITH ARTISTS BY NEXT, MAKEUP THOMAS MCENTEE, MODEL ALINA WITH VIVY MODEL MANAGEMENT, PHOTO ASSISTANTS STEPHEN ZABROZNY, CHRISTOPHER SAMS, KYLL GARDON, FASHION ASSISTANT CAMERON COOPER.

Kudos and Congrats: Pioneering lensman and FotoFest chairman **Fred Baldwin's** work documenting the Civil Rights movement is the subject of "Freedom's March," a major retrospective at Savannah, Georgia's **Telfair Museum** (through January 11). The companion volume documents a time and a place in America that remains extremely relevant today (don't miss the images of Dr. King) ... Texas man of granite **Jesus Morales** has received the highest art honor: a National Medal of Arts. Rockport-based Morales has sculpted granite monoliths from Houston to Beijing, and joins such greats as Agnes Martin and Louise Nevelson in receiving this accolade ... Internationally known, Houston Fifth Ward-based **Bert Long Jr.'s** epic "Art/Life" canvas now resides at the **Houston Public Library Looscan Neighborhood Library** in River Oaks, funded by the City of Houston's percent-for-art program, managed by Houston Arts Alliance ... Light and sound installationists **Jeff Shore** and **Jon Fisher** (repped by **McClain Gallery**) have taken over the **Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art** in Kansas City, Missouri (through January 11) ... Three hometown heroines are participating in **Sculpture for New Orleans**, a project that places public sculpture throughout the Crescent City for a two-year period: **Sharon Kopriva's** haunting *Resurrection*, **Tara Conley's** gargantuan bronze bunny and **Michelle O'Michael's** 18' steel spiral ... **Wade Wilson**-represented painter **Joseph Marioni** opens the **McNay Museum** in San Antonio's new Jane and Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibition, designed by French architect **Jean-Paul Viguier**. Marioni, whose luminescent monochromes ally him with the Concrete movement, is the first living American artist to solo in the museum's new wing (through January 18) ... Grande dame **Iane Blaffer Owen** received a prestigious **National Trust for Historic Preservation** honor, the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award, for revitalizing New Harmony, Indiana.