

Women's chamber celebrates its stars

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The Joffrey Experience

When Kathy Sosa pulled a red velvet cloth from the newest painting in her “Tree of Life” series on Nov. 8, she not only revealed a symbolic work but also launched seven long-planned cultural and social events sponsored by Arts San Antonio, called The Joffrey Experience. The events, including a celebration of the Joffrey Ballet on film, a gala at the McNay and a fashion show, lead to the Joffrey Ballet's centennial performance of “The Rite of Spring” on March 8 at Lila Cockrell Theatre.

The unveiling took place in the Oak Park home of Connie and Jon Woods. Arts SA President John Toohey explained to guests, including Margaret and Bill Kanyusik, Rossana and Harry Leeper, Marilyn and Stan Fay, Margaret Stanley, Susan Franklin, Sylvia Rodriguez, Kathy Glasscock and Terry Henderson, that the painting will be sold at a silent auction, with half of proceeds going to Arts SA.

The painting of a tree of life growing from a woman's head shows dancers in the style of “Rite of Spring” choreographer and dancer Vaslav Nijinsky. With its modern approach to choreography, music, set design and costumes, the ballet caused near riots when it was first performed in 1913.

For more information, visit artssa.org/joffrey or call 210-226-2891.