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Commemoration of the 42nd Anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party

Arts and Culture of the Black Panther Party Conference
October 17-18, 2008
Atlanta, GA

For nearly 30 years the bold and politically-charged art of Emory Douglas graced the back page of the Black Panther Party newspaper and inspired a generation of youth all over the world. On Friday, October 17, 2008, the exhibition of artwork and prints by Emory Douglas will open to the public at the Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road in Atlanta, Georgia at 7 p.m.

The art exhibit is one of several activities taking place Friday and Saturday, Oct 17 & 18 at the Southwest Arts Center, the Auburn Avenue Research Library and the campus of Georgia State University. The Art and Culture of the Black Panther Party Conference organized by the BPP Alumni Committee to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of one of the most influential organization for social change in American history. Workshops are scheduled for Saturday at Georgia State University Classroom South, 104 Decatur Street at Central Avenue and the Auburn Avenue Research Library, 101 Auburn Avenue in downtown Atlanta. A photography exhibit featuring the human and social services of the Black Panther Party may be viewed in the 9th floor suite of the Department of African American Studies at One Park Place South near Woodruff Park.

The Arts and Culture Conference will bring together former members of the Black Panther Party and the general public for two days of workshops and discussions on the influence of the Black Panther Party on the art and culture of American society.

Emory Douglas will autograph his 2007 book, [Black Panther: the Revolutionary Art of Emory Douglas](#) at the Friday evening reception and again on Saturday afternoon at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. For a complete schedule of events, which includes film screenings and a workshop with Former Black Panther Party Communications Secretary Kathleen Cleaver and U.S. Presidential candidate and former Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, visit the official BPP Alumni website: www.itsabouttimebpp.com the Auburn Avenue Research Library homepage or call the Reference Desk at 404-730-4001 x100. All events are free and open to the public.