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Dear Friend,

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With great sadness and regret, we write to inform you that Michael Kendall has passed away. Michael died on Thursday, July 27th, after successfully living with breast cancer for three years. When people come into our lives, it is because our turn has come to share, grow or learn. Michael, who touched so many of our lives, has now moved on. Each of us knows the lessons she gave us. They are with us as memories to honor.

Michael was a Renaissance woman who always chose to be true to herself and what she believed. She was a woman of strong convictions and accomplished an enormous amount in her lifetime. Her life as a gifted artist, educator, political activist, and advocate for the rights of individuals are gifts that she leaves for each of us as well as for young girls and boys to use as guides in courage, determination, and belief in themselves.

Michael was profoundly committed to struggle, and used education, images and information as tools for change. She worked through powerful institutions and individuals to convey her message. They included the U.N. International School, Montclair State College, the J. Paul Getty Trust, Microsoft Corporation, the Library of Congress, and many of you. At the Duke Ellington High School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., she and the Ellington teachers recently brought the Congressionally funded Integrated Curriculum Development Project to its first stage of completion. This curriculum will be implemented nationally as a model of interdisciplinary teaching in secondary school education.

Michael garnered many honors in her short span of 42 years, including the Drexel University Centennial medal, inclusion in Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in American Art, and a litany of grants, merit awards, fellowships and commissions.

While we are all immensely saddened by her loss, we will celebrate her life with two memorial services. For her family, loved ones and colleagues in the eastern states, the memorial service will be held:

Saturday, September 23rd, 1995, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Riverside Church  
122nd Street & Riverside Drive  
New York, NY  
Reception details to follow

For her loved ones and colleagues in the western U.S., the service will be held:

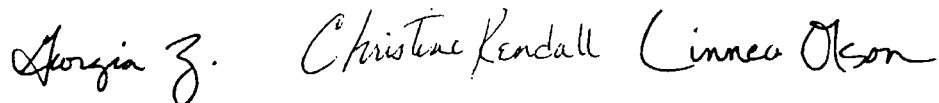
Sunday, August 27th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Koplin Gallery  
1438 Ninth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401  
Reception immediately following in the same location

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After Michael's 1992 trip to South Africa, she told us that South Africa was truly her spiritual home. Her wish was to have her ashes scattered in the waters where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian Ocean - the Cape of Good Hope. Our intention is to take Michael home. To help us do this, in lieu of flowers, you may contribute to the Michael Kendall Memorial Fund. The first goal is the journey to South Africa; monies remaining will be contributed to a scholarship established in her name at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

We look forward to celebrating this very special and extraordinary life with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia Z. Christine Kendall Linnea Olson".

Georgia Zweber & Christine Kendall & Linnea Olson

*Please return the enclosed reply note letting us know which one of the memorial services you will attend.*

If you need additional information, please call:

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**Michael Susan Kendall, 42**  
**First Black Woman Artist to Exhibit on Madison Avenue**  
**Educator, Organizer, Advocate**

Michael Susan Kendall died on Thursday, July 27 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital in California due to complications of breast cancer. Michael was 42 years of age, and made her residence in Los Angeles for the past 4 and a half years. Prior to that she lived in New York City for 17 years after growing up in the Philadelphia area.

Michael's early career was as an artist. At the age of 25, she became the first African American woman to exhibit a major show on Madison Avenue when her historical "Saturn Guardians" series on Edmonia Lewis was mounted at the A. Wauters Gallery in May of 1978. Mrs. Andrew Young (wife of Andrew Young, Atlanta mayor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations) purchased "Mary Edmonia Lewis, Rome, 1867, First Negro Artist of the Western Continent" from this exhibit and unveiled it in a ceremony at the United States mission where it hung from 1978 until Mrs. Young's recent passing. Michael held the following painting fellowships:

Painting Commission, National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA), 1980.  
Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New York, 7 - 9/82.

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Sweet Briar, Va., 12/83 - 2/84.

Rodriguez-Acosta Foundation, painter in residence at The Alhambra, Granada, Spain, 12/87 - 2/88.

Michael earned a BA in Design from Drexel University in Philadelphia, an MA in Studio and Environmental Arts from New York University, completed the study abroad program at the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica, in Venice, Italy, and a Ph.D. in Education (ABD) from New York University.

In March of 1992, Kendall was invited to South Africa by Nelson Mandela, where she conducted master teacher training workshops on "Education for Democracy" at various South African universities and schools as a participant in the 2nd United Nations Symposium on the Cultural Boycott of South Africa. It was here that she received the name "Thandiwe" meaning "one who loves with all her heart." She also is responsible for launching a continuing nationwide book drive for books to be distributed by the Congress of South African Writers (COSAW) in urban and rural areas throughout South Africa. (COSAW members include notable writers Nadine Gordimer and Dennis Brutus).

Michael's employment included the United Nations International School, the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York University, Montclair State College, and The J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles, where she was a Program Officer. In 1993 she started her own management consulting firm, One World Management. Her clients include: The Library of Congress, Microsoft, the National Performance Network, the National Association of Artists Associations, and the Duke Ellington High School of the Arts in Washington D.C. where she and the Ellington teachers recently brought the Congressionally funded Integrated Curriculum Project to its first stage of completion. This curriculum will be implemented nationally as a model of interdisciplinary teaching in secondary school education.

Michael is survived by her partner, Georgia Zweber of Los Angeles; her parents Christine Boyd and Harry Kendall; her sister Christine, and four brothers, Mitchell, Joel, Harry and Victor, and a host of other relatives and friends.

*It will be of great assistance if you would be good enough to return this note in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.*

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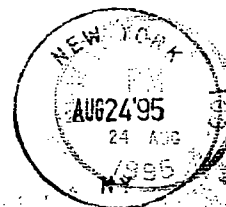
*The Koplin Gallery in Santa Monica, California \_\_\_\_\_  
on August 27th at 1:30*

*Riverside Church in New York City, New York \_\_\_\_\_  
on September 23rd at 1:00*

*"and if ever i touched a life i hope that life  
knows  
that i know touching was and still is and  
always will be the true  
revolution"*

*Nikki Giovanni  
When I Die (1972)*

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