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***Telfair Museum of Art partners with University of Georgia Press  
to distribute new publication on Owens-Thomas House***

Book provides comprehensive overview of celebrated Savannah house museum

[Savannah, Georgia] – The Telfair Museum of Art announces the publication of its new 64-page, hardcover book—*The Owens-Thomas House*. Distributed by the University of Georgia Press as part of a national distribution partnership for Telfair Books, the publication focuses on one of the finest examples of English Regency architecture in the country—the Telfair’s Owens-Thomas House.

The book features text by Telfair curator Tania Sammons and sixty-six color illustrations, including recent photographs along with reproductions of period artworks and images. Placing special emphasis on the architecture, design, and previous inhabitants of the Owens-Thomas House, it traces the storied history of the former residence and now house museum. *The Owens-Thomas House* can be purchased for \$12.95 at the Telfair Museum Stores as well as at University of Georgia distribution outlets throughout the country.

“Containing new research, this beautiful book is an important contribution to the scholarship and documentation of our city’s past,” said Telfair director Steven High. “For residents and visitors alike, it will be a wonderful resource on one of Savannah’s most beloved architectural treasures.”

High said of the Telfair’s partnership with the University of Georgia Press, “Known for its record of excellence, the University of Georgia Press can help the Telfair educate and inspire a broader, more diverse audience, and we are thrilled to announce our new distribution partnership with this distinguished institution.”

Current titles also published by Telfair Books and distributed nationally by the University of Georgia Press include *Palliser* and *Freedom’s March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah* by *Frederick C. Baldwin*. Previous publications by Telfair Books, distributed nationally by the University of Georgia Press, include *The Kirk Varnedoe Collection, Collection Highlights: Telfair Museum of Art, David DeLong: Passages, Picturing Savannah: The Art of Christopher A.D. Murphy*, and *Classical Savannah: Fine and Decorative Arts, 1800-1840*.

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"We're very pleased to partner with the Telfair to distribute their books," said Nicole Mitchell, director of UGA Press. "The exhibits the Telfair brings to the state enhance our cultural life immensely, but they are also of interest to a national and international audience that we can help reach."

### About the University of Georgia Press

Founded in 1938, the University of Georgia Press is the oldest and largest publisher of scholarly and general-interest books in Georgia, the only member of the Association of American University Presses within the University System of Georgia, and a recent recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities (2008). The Press serves students, scholars, and general readers by publishing 75-80 new books a year and by keeping 1,000 titles in print. Books published by the Press fall into four categories: works of scholarship, creative and literary works, regional books, and digital projects.

### About the Telfair Museum of Art

Located in the heart of Savannah's historic district, the Telfair Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the South. Established through the bequest of Savannah philanthropist Mary Telfair, the museum traces its history from 1883—when transformation of the Telfair family home into a museum and art school began. The Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences (now part of the Telfair Museum of Art) opened to the public in 1886. Today, the Telfair encompasses three diverse sites: two National Historic Landmark Buildings—the Telfair Academy and the Owens-Thomas House—and the contemporary Jepson Center for the Arts. With three unique buildings housing three distinct collections, the Telfair bridges three centuries of art and architecture.

Images available upon request.

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*The Telfair Museum of Art is supported by its members, with partial support of the annual operating fund provided by the City of Savannah and by the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly.*

*The Telfair Academy is located on Telfair Square at 121 Barnard Street, Savannah, GA. The Jepson Center is also located on Telfair Square, just steps from the Academy building, at 207 W. York Street. The Telfair's Owens-Thomas House is located at 124 Abercorn Street on Oglethorpe Square. General admission (which includes a one-time visit to each of the Telfair's three sites) is \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, military personnel, and AAA members; \$5 for K-12 students; children under 5 are free. Members are always admitted free.*

*The Telfair's Jepson Center for the Arts and Telfair Academy are open Sunday 12-5 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Tuesday-Closed, and Thursday 10 am-8 pm. Call 912.790.8880 for Owens-Thomas House hours or visit [www.telfair.org](http://www.telfair.org). Museum sites are closed some holidays.*

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