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*Living with Art: The Newman Collection*  
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Tulsa, OK-December, 2016 - 108|Contemporary is excited to announce the opening of the exhibition, *Living with Art: The Newman Collection*. Located in the Brady Arts District, this exhibition will highlight the creative and artistic acquisitions of Tulsan collectors, Rita and Don Newman. In addition to the showing the exhibition, a portion of the works will be for sale with all proceeds going to 108|Contemporary.

Curated by fine art consultant, appraiser, and family friend of the Newman's, Holbrook Lawson Ph.D., this exhibition will not only display the collection, but will also mimic their actual home that only close friends and family of the Newman's experienced.

"By transforming the gallery to imitate the layout of the Newman's home, the true essence of the collection can be admired to its fullest," said Lawson. "Rita had a true appreciation for the organic whether in design or material which needed to be displayed".

The exhibition consists of works ranging from mid-century modern furniture, portraits of the collectors, ceramic sculptures, metal baskets, a fiber coat, a painting by Otto Decker, and items found in nature such as bird nests and turtle shells. These elements of the organic were an esthetic Mrs. Newman was known to enjoy.

"Don and Rita's collection is a true example of art appreciators and a curated art collection," said Kathy McRuiz, Executive Director of 108|Contemporary. "Their support and generosity for the arts lives on through this exhibition."

108|Contemporary is a non-profit organization specializing in Oklahoma fine craft artists. Our mission is to connect both artists and the public to education, exhibitions, recognition, and exhibition programs. If you are interested in learning more about the exhibition, please visit the 108 Contemporary website at [www.108contemporary.org](http://www.108contemporary.org)

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