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HOUSTON'S ART GUYS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF EXHIBITS, PERFORMANCES WITH 'EVENING OF ITTY BITTY WITTY DITTIES' AT UH

It was 25 years ago that The Art Guys, Michael Galbreth and Jack Massing, met while attending classes at the University of Houston. At the time, both men had no idea that their zest for humor and art would lead to a lasting partnership and an international reputation as creative, comedic innovators.

To celebrate their silver anniversary, The Art Guys are returning to the place where it all started to share some of their most memorable works.

UH's Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts will present "Nothing to It (An evening of itty bitty witty ditties)" at 8 p.m., May 3 in the university's Lyndall Finley Wortham Theatre. Tickets are \$10. For tickets call 713-743-2929.

Included in this showcase of The Art Guys' greatest hits are "Wrap Music," a musical arrangement performed entirely on industrial strength wrapping material and "Inverted Karaoke," which features Galbreth and Massing singing songs karaoke style without the audience being able to hear the music. Additionally, The Art Guys will unveil new "world premieres never seen before by man nor beast" and numerous surprises throughout the evening.

"We just have this stuff to do and thought we may as well do it on stage with lots of lights," Massing said.

The Art Guys have become known internationally for their balance of comical performances, public art and entertaining exhibitions. The New York Times has described the duo as "a cross between Dada, David Letterman, John Cage and the Smothers Brothers." To learn more about The Art Guys, visit www.theartguys.com.

WHAT: The Art Guys: "Nothing to It (An evening of itty bitty witty ditties)"

WHEN: 8 p.m., May 3

WHERE: UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts - Wortham Theatre
Entrance 16 off Cullen Boulevard

WHO: The Art Guys, UH Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts

The **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts** cultivates interdisciplinary collaboration in the performing, visual and literary arts. From its base at the University of Houston, the center offers public events, residencies and courses that fuse artistic disciplines, ignite dialogue and present new ways of experiencing the arts in contemporary life. The Mitchell Center forms an alliance among five units at the University of Houston: The School of Art; Creative Writing Program, Moores School of Music, School of Theatre and Dance; and Blaffer Gallery, the Art Museum of the University of Houston. For more information about the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts at the University of Houston, visit www.mitchellcenterforarts.org.

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