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### **Jones Hall to receive a double feature of historical artwork Corridors to display historical timeline of facility and an appreciation of Jesse H. Jones**

Concert-goers attending events at Jones Hall will soon come face-to-face with new historically themed artwork as the result of a commission approved by Houston City Council.

One art installation will be a historical timeline going back to the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century while the other concept will be a tribute to the performing arts venue's namesake, Jesse Holman Jones.

City Council this week authorized an agreement with Core Design Studio for the commission of the artwork. Jones Hall is a city-owned property under management by the newly created Houston First Corporation.

"Many areas of this wonderful building have architectural features that are particularly pleasing to our patrons," said Vivian Montejano, manager of Jones Hall. "These new projects will add elements of interest on various levels of the facility, for our guests to enjoy. We think this artwork will add a new level of buzz that goes with a night on the town at Jones Hall."

Houston Endowment, Houston Symphony and Society of the Performing Arts will provide much of the content for the timeline. Houston Endowment's Steven Fenberg will provide the materials for the tribute to Jesse Jones, an influential civic leader in Houston as well as a national figure in the previous century.

Installation will begin in November and will not affect performances in the building. Work is expected to be complete by May 2012.

#### **About Houston First**

Houston First represents the consolidation of the City of Houston Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department and the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation. Houston First is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of more than 10 city-owned buildings and plazas, and underground and surface parking for nearly 7,000 vehicles. Facilities include Jones Hall, George R. Brown Convention Center, Wortham Theater Center, Miller Outdoor Theatre and the Hilton Americas-Houston hotel.