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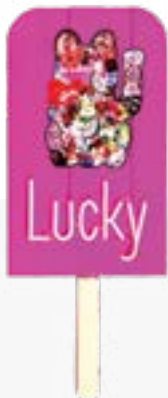
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Table Talk is a fascinating combination of conversations, led by dynamic women of various cultures, professions and experience at each table.

Table Talk benefits the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Houston. The WGSS Program combines theoretical and empirical studies, to give students the tools to analyze the gender dynamics of the past and present and to build a fair future.

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Theme: Besties!

**HILTON AMERICAS, 1600 LAMAR,
HOUSTON 77010**

Ballroom of the Americas

11 am Reception | 12 pm–1:30 pm Conversations over Lunch

Self-parking in the garage by the Hilton Americas entrance on Dallas,
and valet parking also available.

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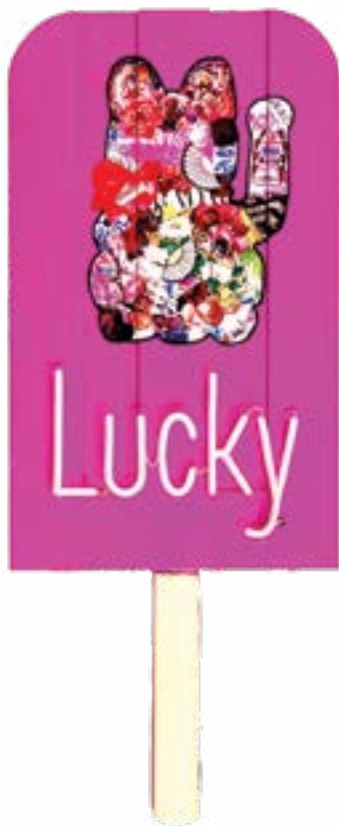
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FEATURED ARTIST: SARAH LUNA



Topo Floral 5, 2024
(acrylic, resin, paper on canvas)



Spicy Pop, 2024
(collaged paper, gold foil, spray paint, acrylic on wood)



Bright Purple, 2024
(clay, resin, foil)



Tiger in the Flower Garden, 2024
(acrylic, paper on wood canvas, acrylic shadowbox)



Lucky Cat, 2024
(acrylic, aerosol, paper, resin on wood)



Navy and Black Double Pop Collage, 2024
(paper, acrylic on wood)



No Looking Back, 2023
(acrylic, resin on wood)