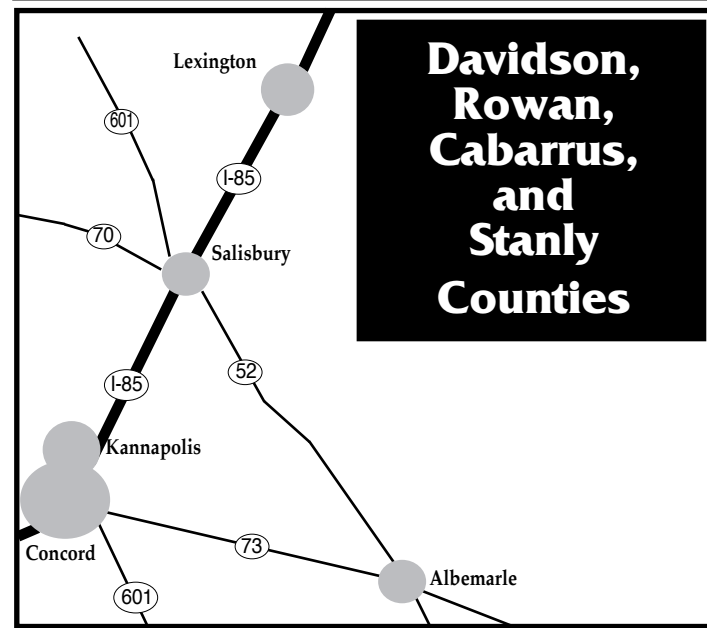
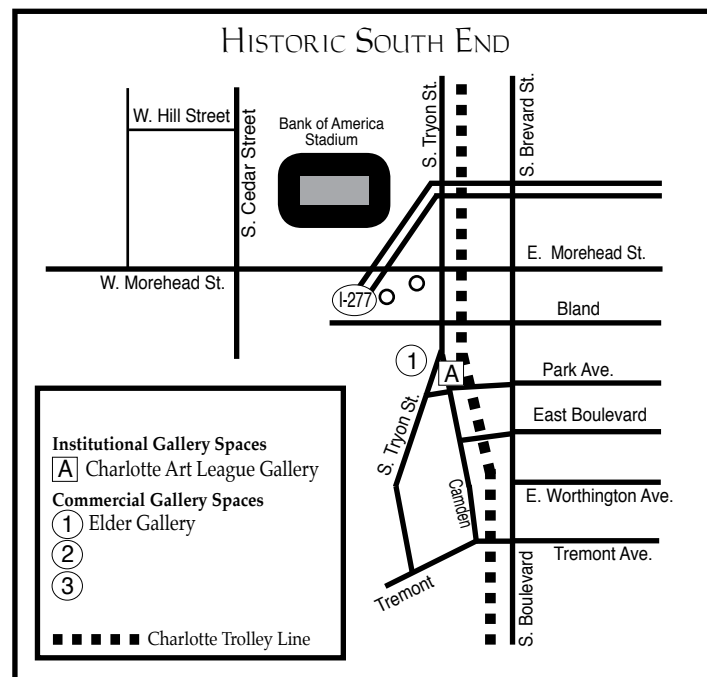


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of ambiguity and tension, the photographs' colors, patterns, objects and poses create meaning and construct identity. Ultimately, the photographs reveal to us our own ideas of identity and self and the ways in which our closest relationships can often walk the fine line between loving and smothering like an ill-fitting handmade sweater.

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"Angela and Steve," 2011 by Kristin Smith Skees, Inkjet Print on Hahnemuhle Photo Rag, 24 x 36

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Mint Museum Uptown in Charlotte, NC, Offers Works by Franco Moschino

The Mint Museum Uptown in Charlotte, NC, is presenting *VIVA MOSCHINO!*, on view through Apr. 3, 2016.

Drawn largely from two Chicago-area private collections, institutional loans, and the Mint's own Fashion Collection, the exhibition will focus on the Italian designer Franco Moschino's work between 1983 and 1994.

Known for relentlessly mocking the fashion system while at the same time profiting from it, Franco Moschino (1950-1994) used fashion as a platform for theatrical presentations filled with humor, irony, and surrealism. Many of the iconic garments that made him a fashion legend will now be on view in the first American retrospective of his work, *VIVA MOSCHINO!*

The exhibition will focus on the Italian designer's work between 1983 and 1994, when his designs were worn by rock stars,

actors, and other celebrities including Tina Turner. Today, Moschino's fashions continue to be admired by musicians and performers ranging from Sting to Rihanna, and continues to inspire the designs of the fashion house that bears his name.

The exhibition will feature many of the designer's best known creations, such as the *BE SIMPLE! Little Black Dress*, *Smiley and Domani è un altro giorno* jackets, a variety of works from his Cartoon Couture Collection, and a leopard and velvet couture coat from Fall/Winter 1993/1994 of the same design worn recently by Rihanna, along with approximately 40 other full Moschino ensembles and fashion accessories.

"Franco Moschino's fashion designs represent his knowledge and fondness for historic couture, especially the classic designs of Coco Chanel, as well as his deep

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