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Pratt Fine Arts Center's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction **May 16, 2009 at 5pm**

On Saturday, May 16, Pratt Fine Arts Center will host its much-anticipated 27th Annual Fine Art Auction. Showcasing more than 300 unique works of art by established and emerging artists, guests will enjoy the opportunity to add these inspired works to their collections.

"Pratt's Annual Fine Art Auction is an excellent opportunity for seasoned collectors, art-lovers and artists to come together in an eclectic atmosphere to celebrate Pratt and support the Seattle arts community," said Events Manager Brandi Clark. "Each year, the Pratt campus transforms into a spectacular, fun-filled art arena, complete with a 30-foot tall circus tent, vibrant live and silent auctions and a delicious four-course dinner."

This largest, most sensational of Pratt's events is also the bustling nonprofit's largest source of donated income. "The funds we raise through our annual auction are paramount to the financial stability of Pratt," said Executive Director Michelle Bufano. "These funds allow us to continue to make art available to everyone through our classes, free youth programs, studio rental program, and community events." The incredible energy and support generated by the 700 guests at the 26th Annual Fine Art Auction allowed Pratt to raise \$680,000 last year.

Auction pieces will be unveiled the evening of Friday, May 15 from 6 - 9pm at *Pratt Exposed: 2009 Fine Art Auction Exhibition*. Attendees to this **free event** will have this one-time opportunity to view these exquisite works of art before they enter private collections. An online preview will also be available at www.pratt.org in April.

Tickets for Pratt's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction start at \$200. VIP tickets and table opportunities are also available. For these or sponsorship opportunities, contact Events Manager Brandi Clark at: bclark@pratt.org, or by calling: 206.328.2200 x267. Reservations may be made in March online or by phone before April 13.

What: [Pratt Fine Arts Center's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction](#)
When: Saturday, May 16, 2009
Where: 1902 South Main Street, Seattle WA, 98144
Time: 5pm
Admission: Tickets start at \$200
Parking: Free valet parking available

What: **Pratt Exposed: 2009 Fine Art Auction Exhibition**
When: Friday, May 15, 2009
Where: 1902 South Main Street, Seattle WA, 98144
Time: 6 - 9pm
Admission: **FREE & Open to the Public**
Parking: Free parking available

Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.

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