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The 3rd Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party

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Transformer proudly presents The 3rd Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party taking place Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 7–10pm at the Edison Place Gallery – 8th & G Streets, NW. This very special one-night only event features a dynamic array of over 100 artworks in various mediums, dimensions and prices by more than 80 of DC's leading emerging and established artists. Participating artists include:

Geraldine Apponyi Ken Ashton D. Billv Keshaun Blunt Marci Branagan iona rozeal brown Breck Omar Brunson Renee Butler Travis Childers Sir Christopher II Mary Coble Billy Colbert Cynthia Connolly Kathryn Cornelius Steve Cushner Richard Dana Frank Day

Melissa Dickenson Djakarta Mary Early Susan Eder & Craig Dennis Jason Falchook **Gregory Ferrand** Thom Flvnn Carole Greenwood Jason Gubbiotti Mansoora Hassan Daniel Hicks Bill Hill Rvan Hill Max Hirshfeld Lucy Hogg **Brece Honeycutt**

Judy Jashinsky Ryan Carr Johnson Candace P. Keegan Kevin Kepple Karey Kessler Dean Kessmann Jae Ko Bridget Sue Lambert Nilay Lawson Pepa Leon Barbara Liotta Marissa Long Thomas M. Lowery Linn Meyers Maggie Michael Juliane Min A. B. Miner

Jiha Moon **Brandon Morse** Johanna Mueller Piero Passacantando Vesna Pavlovic **Lucian Perkins** Mark Planisek Eric Gregory Powell W. C. Richardson Marc Roman Hannah Rose Robin Rose Raimundo Rubio Christopher Saah Erik Sandberg Kathleen Shafer Luis Silva

Dan Steinhilber Zach Storm Jason Tallev Lisa Marie Thalhammer Trish Tillman Ben Tolman Kelly Towles Andres E. Tremols Paul Vinet Rachel Waldron Ian Whitmore **Bryan Whitson** Andy Moon Wilson Yuriko Yamaguchi Jason Zimmerman

Transformer's Annual Auctions have proven to be incredibly exciting. They provide a wonderful opportunity for collectors, artists and arts enthusiasts, as well as an incredibly fun party! Proceeds benefit Transformer's exhibitions and programs, supporting emerging art and artists. Last year's Auction hosted by Fusebox reached sold out attendance a week before the event. The 3rd Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party 11.4.06 will be the best yet – get your ticket today!

Attendance is \$75 if received by 10.23.06 and \$100 at the door. All ticketed guests will receive a bidding number at the event. Silent auction bidding will take place from 7–9:30 pm. Auction lots will begin to close at 9:30 pm. Cash and check sales only. All works sold at the auction are to be taken that night.

In addition to viewing and bidding on a unique mix of artworks, patrons will also enjoy delicious complimentary hors d'oeuvres from Bar Pilar, Cafe Saint-EX, Jaleo, Perry's and Viridian restaurants; complimentary wine & beer from Buck's Fishing & Camping and Comet Ping-Pong; and beats by Dj Phoenix Crane and Djs Yellow Fever.

Now in its fifth year of operations, Transformer is a dynamic arts organization, continually furthering its mission to connect and promote emerging visual artists locally, nationally and internationally. Since Transformer's inception, the organization has presented over thirty comprehensive exhibitions showcasing the work of more than 500 artists - many of whom have gone on to achieve incredible success in their young careers. Recognized as a leader in the visual arts field, Transformer is one of a select group of organizations awarded participation in The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Art's Warhol Initiative, as well as the DC Commission on the Arts' UPSTART program, and was recently awarded first time funding from the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation!

Proceeds from The 3rd Annual transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party will match these recent awards, directly supporting artists through artist honoraria, exhibition material costs, development and production of a five-year anniversary catalogue documenting the remarkable artists Transformer has presented and supported through exhibitions and programs. Auction proceeds will also support artists through the funding of Transformer programs such as The Exercises, a peer-mentorship program for emerging artists, as well as The Framework Panel Series and Transformer's Professional Development Workshop Series.

For further info on Transformer and The 3rd Annual transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party contact Transformer at either 202.483.1102 or visit our website at: www.transformergallery.org.

AUCTION CO-CHAIRS:

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Annie Gawlak, G Fine Art

Carole Greenwood

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Paula Schumann

Sarah Tanguy

Sarah Thorpe

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Olga Viso

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Yuriko Yamaguchi

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Anonymous

Bar Pilar

Buck's Fishing & Camping

Cafe Saint-EX

Comet Ping-Pong

Jaleo

kaze design

Perry's Restaurant

Viridian Restaurant Benefit

TRANSFORMER is a Washington, D.C. based 501(c) 3 non-profit, artist-centered, visual arts organization that connects and promotes emerging artists locally, nationally and internationally. Partnering with artists, curators, art spaces and other cultural entities, Transformer serves as a catalyst and advocate for emergent expression in the visual arts. Transformer is supported by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities/NEA, the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, and The Visionary Friends of Transformer.