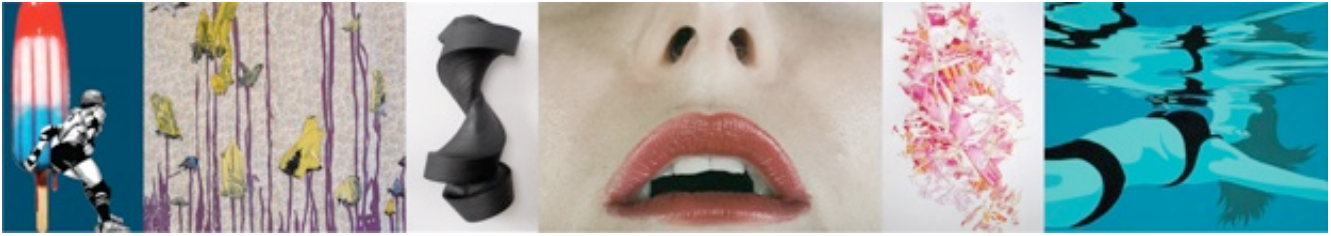


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**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party**  
**November 7, 2009**  
**7:00 – 10:00 pm**  
**The Mexican Cultural Institute, 2829 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

Innovative, experimental, diverse, and hip – Transformer is at the nexus of DC’s cultural scene. As Transformer’s primary fundraising event, the *Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party* provides essential support for this dynamic organization’s year-round programming, exhibitions, and services – and it’s a great party! Transformer’s Annual Auction is an ideal way to connect with a smart, sophisticated audience in the DC area.

Building on the successes of the past five annual events, this year’s Auction will feature original artworks by over a hundred emerging and established Washington, DC artists. Artists whose work will be featured at this year’s event include: Billy Colbert, Frank Day, Jason Falchook, Paul Jeffreys, Benjamin Jurgensen, Katherine Mann, Maggie Michael, and Lisa Marie Thalhammer, among many other accomplished DC-based artists working today.

Setting the pace for cutting-edge art in the metropolitan DC region, Transformer’s Annual Auction is one of the most exciting events of the fall arts season. With a growing reputation as an awesome party and fantastic opportunity for both beginning and seasoned collectors to purchase some of the best visual art DC has to offer, attendance has tripled since the Auction’s inception. Each year the *Annual Silent Auction & Benefit Party* receives great buzz and increasing media attention, accompanied with sold-out attendance. Attendees include DC area artists, collectors, writers, lobbyists, and trend-setters; we anticipate 500 people will attend this year’s event.

The 6<sup>th</sup> *Annual Silent Auction & Benefit Party*—a one-night-only event designed to celebrate and support Transformer and the artists it serves, while raising visibility for the diverse range of contemporary art and artists in Washington, DC—will take place in the stunning 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mansion that is home to The Mexican Cultural Institute. Furthering our mission of artist-centered programming, and building on the partnership we have fostered over the past year with the Institute, we are thrilled to have the Auction take place in a historic Washington building that is the center of innovative artistic cross-cultural collaborations.

Transformer is proud to have The Ambassador of Mexico, His Excellency Arturo Sarukhan, and Mrs. Veronica Valencia-Sarukhan, as our Diplomatic Chairs for this year’s Auction, along with Auction Co-Chairs Kate Damon, Xavier Equihua, Izette Folger, Janice Kim, and Peter Pappas. The Auction is also supported by a Host Committee that includes a diverse array of Washington’s cultural leaders and patrons such as: collectors Heather & Tony Podesta, artists and gallerists Lenore & George Hemphill, artistic and executive directors of The Washington Ballet Septime Weber and Kay Kendall, musician Brian Baker (Minor Threat, Dagnasty, and Bad Religion), Hirshhorn Museum Deputy Director and Chief Curator Kerry Brougher, and writer/political analyst David Brock of Media Matters for America. Sponsors have included DC Magazine, Scion, Lehman Smith McLeish, The Lance Horsley Team, and Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Sotheby’s International Realty, among others, as well as some of DC’s finest restaurants and chefs including Iron Chef America winner Jose Andrés and his flagship restaurants Zaytinya and Jaleo, Washington historic icon Old Ebbitt Grill, and DC restaurateur James Alefantis and Comet Ping Pong.

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Images of selected works from the 2008 Auction l. to r.: Cory Oberndorfer, *maximum thrust*; Melissa Dickenson *Fauxglove*; Jae Ko, *JK630 black*; Jason Horowitz, *Liz*; Nikki Painter, *Study #4 (Debris)*; Judy Jashinsky, *Floating (Waiting By the Pool)*.