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5th Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party

November 15, 2008
7:00 – 10:00 pm

John Dreyfuss' Studio at Halcyon House
3400 Prospect 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 visual art organization's year-round programming – and it's a great party! Transformer's premiere social event, the Annual Auction is an ideal way to connect with a sophisticated and smart audience in the DC area.

The 5th 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 Georgetown at Halcyon House, in the gorgeous studio space of sculptor John Dreyfuss. Furthering our mission of artist-centered programming, we are thrilled to have the Auction take place for the second year in a row in the home and studio of one of Washington's leading sculptors.

Building on the successes of the past four annual events, this year's Auction will feature original artworks by over a hundred emerging and established Washington, DC artists, including: **April Behnke, Billy Colbert, Cynthia Connolly, Frank Day, Thom Flynn, Max Hirshfeld, Benjamin Jurgensen, Maggie Michael, Dan Steinhilber, and Lisa Marie Thalhammer**, among many other accomplished DC based and DC area 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 musical stylings by DJs Yellow Fever and special guests, a mix of dynamic artworks, stunning views of the Potomac from the Halcyon House gardens, and fantastic food and drink – Auction guests are ensured a night to remember. Attendance has tripled since the Auction's inception. Attendees to this fantastic event include DC area artists, collectors, writers, lobbyists, and trendsetters.

This year's Auction Co-Chairs are: **Kate Damon, *kaze design*; Philippa P.B. Hughes, *The Pink Line Project*; Izette Folger; and Janice Kim.**

Select members of this year's Host Committee include: **Sylvia Ripley & Christopher Addison, *Addison/Ripley Fine Art*; Brian Baker, *Bad Religion*; Annie Lou Bayly Berman; David Brock, *Media Matters for America*; Kerry Brouger, *Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden*; Shigeko Bork, *mu***

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project; Christina DePaul, *National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts*; Annie Gawlak, *G Fine Art*; Lori Graham, *Lori Graham Design*; Nora Halpern, *Americans for the Arts*; Martin Irvine, *Irvine Contemporary*; Heather & Tony Podesta; and Septime Webre, *The Washington Ballet*, among several other DC area illuminati.

The Auction will feature food from the following Restaurant Sponsors: **Bar Pilar**; **Bistrot Lepic & Wine Bar**; **Bombay Club**; **Buck's Fishing & Camping**; **Café Saint-Ex**; **Comet Ping Pong**; **hello cupcake**; **Jaleo**; **Leopold's Kafe + Konditorei**; **Local 16**; **Mandu**; **Marvin**; **Melt Catering**; **Old Ebbitt Grill**; **On the Fly**; **Oyamel**; **Paisley Fig**; **Posto**; **Sea Catch**; **sweetgreen**; and **Whole Foods**.

Auction Sponsors include: **DC Magazine**; **Scion**; **Chrome Digital & Photographic Imaging**; **kaze design**; **The Lance Horsley Team – DC Loft Specialists**; **Alefantis & Associates**; **The Boden Group**; **CORE architecture + design**; **Lehman-Smith + McLeish**; **Muléh**; **PN Hoffman Realty**; **RIPPETEAU ARCHITECTS**; **shindig! events • design • catering**; **Timothy Paul Carpets + Textiles**; **Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Sotheby's International Realty**.

Ticket Prices: Attendance is \$150 if received by 10.25.08; Attendance is \$175 after 10.27.08. All attendance is on a first paid, first secured basis. Secure your spot today. Space is not guaranteed.

For further information about featured artists, Host Committee and Sponsors, or other Auction details, please contact Victoria Reis, Executive & Artistic Director, or Addie Johnson, Development and Special Events Coordinator at 202-483-1102 or via email at: info@transformergallery.org.

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A sampling of works in the 5th Annual Transformer Silent Auction & Benefit Party – images at top, left to right:
Seth Adelsberger, *Vision Quest 5*; Renee Stout, *Eyes of Legba*; Maggie Michael, *Knot*; Cory Oberdorfer, *Maximum Thrust*;
Judy Jashinsky, *Floating*; Zach Storm, *Cheeseburgers in China*; Cynthia Connolly, *Allison Wolfe*.

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