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Benefit Art Auctions Exhibition Presenting Sponsor: US Bank

January 13 – February 27, 2010 // Carnegie Galleries
Artini: Home Sweet Home, January 21, 5:30-9 pm
Artini Auction: Wear Oh Ware, February 18, 5:30 pm
MAM's 38th Benefit Art Auction: February 27, 5 pm

MAM's Benefit Art Auctions Exhibition, featured in the Carnegie Gallery, opens January 13 and culminates with the 38th Benefit Art Auction on Saturday, February 27. This juried exhibition showcases all the works selected for the two distinctive art auctions, MAM's 38th Benefit Art Auction and Artini Auction: Wear Oh Ware. This year's exhibition promises a stunning array of contemporary art and art objects. Artini Auction: Wear Oh Ware features fabulous hand-crafted jewelry, one-of-a-kind clothing, ceramics, glassware, furniture, and more. The 30 pieces in the Artini Auction: Wear Oh Ware will go to the highest bidder in a high-energy event on Thursday, February 18.

Over 50 artworks for MAM's 38th Benefit Art Auction will remain on view until the Saturday, February 27 benefit auction. As always, this year's auction exhibition promises some of the best contemporary art from both established and emerging artists. Celebrated regional favorites like Lela Autio, Stephanie J. Frostad, and Josh DeWeese mingle with national artists like Magi Calhoun (TX) and Don Voisine (NY). First time, up-and-coming participants for this auction include Danny Crump, Caitlin Finley, and Dara Harvey, infusing both the exhibition and benefit auction with new energy and perspectives.

Artini: Home Sweet Home // January 21 // Missoula Art Museum // 5:30-9 PM // Free
We're having the annual benefit auction at MAM for the first time in decades. Join us for the best of Missoula as we rock the house with a preview of the Benefit Art Auction Exhibition, meet the exhibiting auction artists, and hear from three local auction artists. Plus groove to some down home music by none other than hometown boy Russ Nasset. Delicious food from the Red Bird.

Artini Auction: Wear Oh Ware // February 18 // Missoula Art Museum // 5:30 PM
Calling all young and first time collectors to get your functional art groove on at this one-of-a-kind event! Up for bid in an engaging live auction will be art objects you can don or use. Award winning DJ Kris Moon spins ambience throughout the night. Sample hors d'oeuvres by Red Bird. Space is limited. Tickets: \$15/MAM members and \$25/non-members.

MAM's 38th Benefit Art Auction // February 27 // Missoula Art Museum // 5 PM

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Join us for an exciting live auction comprising fifty-seven original, contemporary artworks. MAM's 38th Benefit Art Auction format is both new and ideal for the museum. The seated auction, held in the Carnegie Galleries, will include two parts, with an intermission. The evening begins with a tapas-style dinner paired with wines by Red Bird and music by Shmed Maynes on MAM's hand-built grand piano. Space is limited. Tickets: \$100/MAM members and \$125/non-members.

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About MAM: *FREE EXPRESSION // FREE ADMISSION.* MAM serves the public by engaging audiences and artists in the exploration of contemporary art relevant to the community, state and region. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri, 10AM-5PM, Sat, 10AM-3PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.

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