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# MAM's 39th Benefit Art Auction: Art & Soul Exhibition & Dinner

*January 7 - February 3, 2011*

Exhibition Opening and Artists' Reception: Friday, January 7,  
5-8 PM

Artists' Gallery Talk: Pam Caughey, Andy Cline, and Hadley  
Ferguson, January 7, 7PM

Artini: Art & Soul, January 20, 5:30-9 PM

Artists' Panel Discussion: Karen Shimoda, Matt Hamon, and  
Gretel Stoudt, January 20, 6 PM

MAM's 39th Benefit Art Auction: Art & Soul, February 5, 5PM,  
Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park

Missoula, MT / December 9, 2010 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM's 39th Benefit Art Auction exhibition features over 100 wonderful contemporary artists from near and far. The exhibition, with 26 pieces of Silent Auction artwork and 76 pieces of Live Auction artwork, represents a diverse spectrum of media from painting and drawing to ceramics and photography. It is an impressive survey of the best emerging and established contemporary art in our region. This is an exciting year for the auction exhibition. The display will celebrate community and regional favorites such as George Gogas, Stephanie Frostad, M. Scott Miller, and Lela Autio, along with many exceptional emerging artists including Andy Cline, Clay Mahn and Joshua Meier.

Each artist has donated at least 50% of the sale of their artwork to MAM's 39th Benefit Art Auction on February 5; and this year over 25 artists have donated their artwork at 100%, while 15 more artists have donated 75% of their proceeds. This communicates the artists' commitment and support of MAM's work in our region. Please join us for the Artist's Reception on Friday, January 7 to preview the auction exhibition, purchase your 39th Benefit Art Auction tickets, and celebrate the generosity and spirit of these artists. Join Pam Caughey, Andy Cline, and Hadley Ferguson at 7PM for an exhibiting artists' gallery talk.

Pull out your dazzling attire for the culminating event on February 5, MAM's 39th Benefit Art Auction at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park. You won't want to miss this unforgettable evening of live music, exceptional contemporary art, dinner, and libations! Join artists and art enthusiasts for great conversation, anticipation, and excitement. There is artwork for everyone, encouraging young and established collectors alike.

Thank you to all of the generous artists who feed the soul of our Montana community and support the programs and work of MAM.

The live auction catalogue is now published on the Greater Giving website:

<https://artmissoula.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/MissoulaArtMuseum39thBenefitArtAuction/tabid/255469/Default.aspx>

High resolution images are available upon request.

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**About MAM:** FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. The Missoula Art Museum strives to engage artists and audience in the creative exploration of contemporary art relevant to our 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.