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Press Release

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Art for Art's Sake

DESOTOROW HOSTS ANNUAL ART AUCTION FEATURING LOCAL AND NATIONALLY-KNOWN ARTISTS

SAVANNAH, April 14, 2009: Desotorow is excited to announce ***Art for Art's Sake***, the gallery's annual art auction, on May 1 at 7 p.m. The auction is the gallery's biggest fundraising event, supporting Desotorow's daily operations, aiding the creation of new programs and helping the Savannah area's arts community continue to grow and thrive.

The auction will offer work by local and nationally-known artists, with all proceeds directly benefitting Desotorow Gallery. Artists featured include Scott Griffin (recognized by Savannah Magazine as a "Rising Star"), Carrie Christian (published in "New American Paintings") and Preston Orr (represented by Robert Steele Gallery in New York).

Images of auction items will be available to view on Monday, April 27 on Desotorow's Web site, www.desotorow.org (however, bidding will not begin until May 1). Auction items will include incredible works of art, while packages donated by local businesses, such as Vanilla Day Spa and Salon Jolie will be raffled off at the event as well.

The auction will take place on May 1 – a Starland Arts District "First Friday" event! Bidding will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and cease at 9:30 p.m. Bids may be made by phone during the auction time by calling (912) 335-8204. Patrons do not have to be present to win, as long as appropriate contact information is provided. Cash and major credit cards will be accepted forms of payment.

The event will feature live music by Charleston, SC band ***Megan Jean and the Klay Family Band*** (www.meganjean.net). The event is sponsored by several local companies, including The Creative Coast Alliance, Sentient Bean, Maldoror's Frame Shop, Starland District, Starfish Café, Bar Food, among many others.

Please direct questions to the gallery, info@desotorow.org or (912) 335-8204.

Desotorow Gallery is located in Savannah's Starland Arts District at 2427 De Soto Ave. For more information, please email info@desotorow.org, or visit the gallery's website www.desotorow.org. Hours of operation are Sunday-Wednesday and Friday 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Desotorow is an art gallery that fosters an awareness and appreciation of the arts by providing affordable exhibition space for emerging and professional artists and by offering educational outreach programming open to artists and the community.

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