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## Pratt Fine Arts Center's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction May 16, 2009 at 5pm

Pratt Fine Arts Center's much-anticipated 27th Annual Fine Art Auction will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. More than 300 unique works of art by established and emerging artists will be featured, including work by Davide Salvatore, Ben Moore, Catherine Eaton Skinner, Judith Kindler, Charles Parriott, Anne Siems, Etsuko Ichikawa, Blake Haygood and Sean O'Neill. Pratt's auction is an excellent opportunity for the more than 700 guests to add these awe-inspiring works to their collections.

A fun-filled evening complete with vibrant live and silent auctions, a scrumptious four-course dinner and a 30-foot tall circus tent, Pratt's annual auction brings together seasoned collectors, art-lovers and artists to support the bustling non-profit's deep commitment to giving everyone access to the visual arts. "This year's auction will include the opportunity to bid on unique experiences with such notable artists as Dante Marioni," said Events Manager Brandi Clark. "Other art experiences include an extravagant party at the studio of working artist Steve Jensen and a trip to Puerta Vallarta, which includes a \$1000 gallery gift certificate."

"The funds we raise through our annual auction are paramount to Pratt's success," said Executive Director Michelle Bufano. "These funds are our largest source of donated income and allow us to continue to make art available to everyone through our classes, free youth programs, studio rental program and community events." Patrons raised \$680,000 at Pratt's 26th Annual Fine Art Auction last year.

"This is an important year for patrons of the arts to show their support for Pratt and for the integral role it plays in Seattle," said Director of Development Grace Meils. "We thank the SAFECO Foundation, Legacy Partners and MacPherson Construction, our Silent Auction Sponsors, who have already demonstrated their support of Pratt's mission."

Auction pieces will be unveiled the evening of Friday, May 15 from 6 - 9pm at *Pratt Exposed: 2009 Fine Art Auction Exhibition*. Attendees to this **free event** will have the opportunity to meet the artists and view their exquisite works of art before they enter private collections. [An online preview is now available.](#)

Tickets for Pratt's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction start at \$200. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, email Events Manager [Brandi Clark](#) or call 206.328.2200 x267. Reservations may be made online or by phone while tickets remain.

**What:** [Pratt Fine Arts Center's 27th Annual Fine Art Auction](#)  
**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2009  
**Where:** 1902 South Main Street, Seattle WA, 98144  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Admission:** Tickets start at \$200  
**Parking:** Free valet parking available

**What:** **Pratt Exposed: 2009 Fine Art Auction Exhibition**  
**When:** Friday, May 15, 2009

**Where:** 1902 South Main Street, Seattle WA, 98144  
**Time:** 6 - 9pm  
**Admission:** **FREE & Open to the Public**  
**Parking:** Free parking available

Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.

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