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On Saturday, May 14 Pratt Fine Arts Center will host its much-anticipated 29th Annual Fine Art Auction: *Bootlegger's Ball* at the Bell Harbor Conference Center at Pier 66 in Seattle. Showcasing more than 300 unique works of art by established and emerging artists, Pratt's auction is known throughout Seattle's arts community for its unique style and whimsical energy, as well as its outstanding selection of artwork.



Big changes are planned for this year's auction, which will be held off-site at the Bell Harbor Conference Center, allowing Pratt to offer courses and studio rental to its students and artists without interruption. The event will also feature professional art auctioneer Mark Oliver of Bonhams auction house in London.

Pratt's Annual Fine Art Auction is an excellent opportunity for seasoned collectors, art-lovers and artists to come together in an eclectic atmosphere to celebrate Pratt and support the Seattle arts community," said Director of Community Initiatives Brandi Clark. "This year's event, *Bootlegger's Ball*, has a 1929 speakeasy theme in honor of our 29th annual installment."

This largest, most sensational of Pratt's events is also the bustling nonprofit's largest source of contributed income. "The funds we raise through our annual auction are vital to the financial stability of Pratt," said Executive Director Michelle Bufano. "These funds allow us to continue to make art available to everyone through our classes, free youth programs, studio rental program, and community events." The incredible energy and support generated by the 700 guests at the 28th Annual Fine Art Auction allowed Pratt to raise more than \$630,000 last year.

Auction pieces will be unveiled the evening of Friday, May 13 from 6 - 9pm at *Pratt Exposed: 2011 Fine Art Auction Exhibition*. Attendees to this free event will have this one-time opportunity to meet the artists whose work will be featured in the auction and view these exquisite works before they enter private collections. An online preview will also be available at [www.pratt.org](http://www.pratt.org) in April.



Tickets for [Pratt's 29th Annual Fine Art Auction](#) start at \$200. VIP tickets and table opportunities are also available. For information regarding sponsorship opportunities, contact Director of Community Initiatives Brandi Clark at [bclark@pratt.org](mailto:bclark@pratt.org), or by calling 206.328.2200 x267. Reservations may be made online starting on March 14.

Top image: Guests at *Pratt Exposed*, 2010. Photo: James Harnois.  
Bottom image: Guests at Pratt's 28th Annual Fine Art Auction, 2010. Photo: Hayley Young.  
High resolution images available upon request.

**What:** Pratt Fine Arts Center's 29th Annual Fine Art Auction  
**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2011  
**Where:** Bell Harbor Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Admission:** Tickets start at \$200  
**Parking:** Paid parking is available at the Art Institute of Seattle parking garage which is directly across the

street at the intersection of Wall St. and Alaskan Way. Guests take the sky bridge across the street and follow the directions to Bell Harbor.

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*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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