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HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

1708 Gallery's 20th Annual Art Auction

On Saturday, April 17th, 1708 Gallery will open it's doors for the 20th Annual Art Auction Benefit, *Home Is Where The Art Is.* We are pleased to announce that this year's Honorary Chair is Alex Nyerges, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Take part in the joy of discovery, the thrill of bidding, and bring home new art by the region's best emerging and established artists. Auction Committee Chairs, Susan Jamieson and Kathryn Henry-Choisser invite you to join us for an exciting evening in support of our 32nd year of presenting new art in Richmond. *Home Is Where The Art Is* will exhibit the work of more than 80 prominent local and regional artists. A portion of the proceeds also supports the participating artists.

"For the past four years I have been in Richmond I have hosted collectors at my VMFA table at the 1708 auction. Not only is the evening lively and sophisticated, many of us come away with consistently excellent works of art by some of the region's most talented artists. 1708 represents a vital core of dedicated artists which is a terrific enhancement to the Richmond region's art scene. I am delighted to serve as this year's honorary chairman of the auction." -Alex Nyerges, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Our 20th Annual Art Auction Benefit features a live auction, an exclusive silent auction selected by Jay Barrows, Curator of the Sydney and Francis Lewis Collection, a silent auction of small works as well as food, drink, and entertainment.

The art work to be auctioned will be on exhibit starting at 7pm on Friday, April 2, through the evening of the Auction on Saturday, April 17.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

Public Opening and First Friday Reception: Friday, April 2nd, 7 - 10 pm

Auction Benefit: Saturday, April 17th, 7 - 10 pm

Admission to Auction: \$75 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Absentee bidding available.

More Info: For more details about the auction or to purchase tickets or a sponsorship, please call 804.643.1708 or visit www.1708gallery.org.

1708 Gallery is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.