

HUDSON VALLEY CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

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An Auction of Significant Works: To Benefit the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art

@ Robert Miller Gallery
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New York, NY-- The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA), which opened to the public in 2004, is holding its *first ever* benefit auction of significant art works on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the Robert Miller Gallery, New York. The artists Co-Chairs are Nigel Cooke, Ann Hamilton, Damien Hirst and Rona Pondick. Event Co-Chairs are Roland Augustine, Lawrence Luhning, Betsy Miller, Iwan Wirth, and David Zwirner.

The HVCCA Fall Auction is a much-anticipated event featuring major artwork by an impressive roster of more than 40 artists. The evening will begin with cocktails and food and Silent Auction items from 6PM to 8PM, with Live Auction bidding from 8PM to 9PM. Tobias Meyer, head of Sotheby's Contemporary Art, will serve as auctioneer. Individual ticket prices start at \$125. On-line access to view the catalogue is available through HVCCA's website at www.hvcca.com/auction. Absentee bidding opportunities are also available through the website.

Many of the artists generously created major work specifically for this HVCCA auction, including Damien Hirst, Nigel Cooke and Leonardo Drew. The list of participating artists also includes: Thordis Adalsteindottir, Tamy Ben-Tor, Erik Benson, Jo-Ann Brody, Richard Butler, John Chamberlain, Ross Chisholm, Folkert De Jong, Marcel Dzama, Moyna Flannigan, Ann Hamilton, Mona Hatoum, Thomas Hirschhorn, Jeff Joyce, Justen Ladda, Carrie Levy, Patricia Piccinini, Anne and Patrick Poirer, Alex Pollard, Paul Henry Ramirez, Bruce Robbins, Andres Serrano, Richard Sigmund, Josh Smith, Sandra Tomboloni, Francesco Vezzoli, and Tom Wesselman among others.

For tickets and further information on this event, please contact 212-966-4710.

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HVCCA, located in Peekskill, NY, is a non-profit arts and education center founded by art collectors Marc and Livia Straus. HVCCA has quickly distinguished itself with highly touted exhibitions including Thomas Hirschhorn's seminal installation "Laundrette" and its current show on figurative sculpture and video entitled "Figure It Out." Recently in a Sunday *NY Times* review, Ben Genocchio wrote, "This is all museum-grade That they are... in blue-collar Peekskill is thrilling."

Dedicated to the development and presentation of new art, HVCCA presents exhibits and interdisciplinary programs that enrich our understanding of contemporary art, its contexts, and its relationship to social issues. HVCCA is also committed to the enrichment of Peekskill, a multicultural community that has recreated itself as a major arts destination. HVCCA's exhibition program features changing shows of high quality, cutting-edge, contemporary art by both well-known and emerging artists. HVCCA also offers an Artist-in-Residence program for visiting artists, and an Education program, with lectures and educational opportunities for students and adults.

HVCCA is located at 1701 Main Street in Peekskill, NY. HVCCA is open to the public Saturdays and Sunday from 11-6 PM, and by appointment. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students.