



**Atlanta Contemporary Art Center's
Fall Auction Benefit - It's FAB!
Saturday, November 6, 2010, 7-10 p.m.**

Atlanta – October 28, 2010 – The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center (ACAC) is throwing a FABulous party and silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. with all proceeds going to support ACAC's exhibitions and programs.

The Fall Auction Benefit (FAB) is ACAC's major fundraising event for the year and this will be the party to see and be seen at—a FAB evening of art, music, food, drink, and great auction items. ACAC is auctioning a spectacular group of experiences with something for everyone, plus some over-the-top experiences that will have people throwing elbows and playing dirty.

“Because there are a lot of really great art auctions in Atlanta, we decided to go another direction, and auction off experiences,” said ACAC Director of Institutional Advancement Saskia Benjamin. “Art is about experiencing life in a new way, and so we wanted to give people a range of new experiences to choose from, plus, it gives us the opportunity to highlight some of the other great arts and culture institutions in Atlanta who are proud to partner with us.”

Here's a selection of a few of the 30 auction items that will be available:

- Get Tanked With The Whale Sharks: you and a friend can swim with the world's largest fish at the Georgia Aquarium.
- Cirque Du Soleil—An Insider's View: a backstage tour plus prime seats for two at their upcoming performance of OVO, and dinner at Strip, all at Atlantic Station.
- 12 months of cultural excursions, which includes tickets or memberships to 12 cultural institutions including: Atlanta Botanical Garden, Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta Film Festival, Carlos Museum, Zoo Atlanta, Callaway Gardens, Plaza Theatre and more.
- The Ultimate Theatre Package: two tickets plus dinner at some of Atlanta's best theatres and restaurants including the Alliance Theatre/South City Kitchen, Dad's Garage/Fritti, and 7Stages/Sotto Sotto.
- 8 people Locked In A Cellar With John Passman: a French or Italian-themed wine tasting for up to 8 people at Cellar 13
- Get Loaded with Nancy Floyd: take a lesson from the person who wrote the book on the subject, artist Nancy Floyd, author of “She's Got A Gun”!
- The Nutcracker! Sweet!: 2 tickets to the Atlanta Ballet plus a backstage tour of the Fabulous Fox Theater, and dinner at the Livingston Restaurant.
- Artist Gregor Turk will give a private tour, by bike, foot, or car of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta's public art.
- A private dinner for 6 in your own home with Chef Steven Satterfield of Miller Union fame and wine donated from a private wine cellar.

Local Atlanta Art Star, Fahamu Pecou, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Music will be provided by DJ Anne Tyler who spins her cool beats from Atlanta to Ibiza, Spain when she's not dancing for the Atlanta Ballet. Hors d'oeuvres are catered by the incomparable Dennis Dean. There will be an open bar with fine wines and a FAB signature cocktail for the evening, and the Sucker Punch Photo Booth will be there to capture all the fun. Plus, ACAC's current exhibitions will be on view: Laura Poitras: "O' Say Can You See?", Steve Aishman and Jaime Warren: "Recent Photographs" and Mia Feuer: "The Bridge".

Silent auction bidding starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.

For more information about FAB and to purchase tickets visit www.thecontemporary.org/fab.

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About the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center:

The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center is a non-profit, non-collecting institution dedicated to the creation, presentation, and advancement of contemporary art by emerging and established artists. ACAC creates a diverse cultural landscape for artists, arts professionals, and the art-interested public through its exhibitions, educational programming and studio artist program.

Founded in 1973 as a grassroots artist cooperative, ACAC plays a vital role in Atlanta's cultural landscape by making contemporary art accessible for everyone and by supporting artists and their creative process. ACAC presents 8-10 exhibitions per year featuring consequential artists from the local to international art scenes and organizes approximately 50 diverse educational offerings a year. ACAC is the only local institution providing subsidized studio space to 14 working artists removing cost as a barrier to the creative process. Visit www.thecontemporary.org to learn more.

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