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## MEDIA ALERT

### 35,000 ARTS LOVERS ATTEND LOS ANGELES ART SHOW AT NEW LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER LOCATION

#### NUMEROUS GALLERIES POSTING SALES IN EXCESS OF \$500,000

**WHAT:** The Los Angeles Show took closed on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with record attendance and exceptional gallery sales. In a time of economic uncertainty, the Los Angeles Art Show has proven that the arts community is thriving in the city of Los Angeles. 35,000 people attended the 4-day art fair—a 17% increase from the 2008 show.

Numerous galleries were posting sales in excess of \$500,000. For Denenberg Fine Arts, sales included pieces from artists *Ruscha, Bauchamp and Hassel Smith*. While *George Stern Fine Arts* posted sales from artists *Conrad Buff, Alice Chittenden, Charence Hinkle and Collin Cooper*. A thousand pieces of art were sold at the show, and many more pieces were brokered for future sale.

The opening night gala benefit in support of the Environmental Media Association, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art & Inner City Arts had 2800 people in attendance. This big-ticket event featured music by the **House of Vibes All Stars**, and catered by *Aventure*. Sponsors of the evening included *Grolsch, POM Wonderful, Bossa Nova* and *Venice Magazine*.

**WHO:** As usual, the Los Angeles Art Show was packed with celebrities and patrons of the arts including: Lisa Ling, James Franko, Brad Garrett, Victor Garber, Rhea Perleman, Ethan Suplee, David Carradine, Martin Sheen, Emilio Estevez, Eric La Salle, Robert La Sardo, Payton McDavitt and Hunter Tylo the Deputy Consul General of Argentina, Fernando Brun, The Consul General of France, David Martinon, and Mark Oberhofer were in attendance as well as art patrons Billie Weissman and Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Director, Olga Garay. Isaac Burks from Councilman Tom La Bonge's office.

**WHY:** The Los Angeles Art Show is considered the premier art show on the West Coast. The show features 15 000 works of art and expanded show programming.

The Los Angeles Art Show is the anchor event for Los Angeles Art Month in January 2009. Sponsored by the City of Los Angeles as well as the Department of Cultural Affairs and Arts Month was scheduled to coincide with the prestigious Los Angeles Art Show.

**WHEN:** The Los Angeles Art Show took place from January 21-25, 2009.

**Photos:** Numerous high-resolution images are available for your consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information, please visit [www.laartshow.com](http://www.laartshow.com) or call KR Martindale Show Management at 310-822-9145.

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