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**SITE SANTA FE ANNOUNCES ITS 2007 SUMMER GALA BENEFIT**

**DESTINATION: SITE**

**HONORING BIENNIAL CURATORS AND DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS**

**Saturday, July 14**



Santa Fe, NM—As the biennial phenomenon of the last decade continues its worldwide expansion, SITE Santa Fe's International Biennial—the only one of its kind in the United States—continues to hold a key position within the contemporary art circuit. To celebrate its spot on the global art map, SITE Santa Fe is pleased to announce the 2007 Gala, ***Destination: SITE*** to be held on July 14, 2007 at the Clubhouse at Las Campanas in Santa Fe. This event honors SITE's International Biennial curators and a group of distinguished artists whose work has been exhibited at SITE.

SITE continues to enjoy the support of Sotheby's, who is the Auction Sponsor for the event. This year, the auction will feature an array of luxury art-related travel packages, including trips to New York City, Beijing, Los Angeles, Chicago, Austin, Dallas, Marfa, and more. These trips are accompanied by visits to notable private collections and behind-the-scenes tours of the major museums with the director or curator, and topped off with fabulous haute-couture fashion accessories donated by internationally-recognized designers J. Mendel Ltd., de Grisogono Jewelry, and others.

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The renowned **Jamie Niven of Sotheby's** will serve as Auctioneer. Guests will also be able to participate in a raffle for a stunning Cartier watch. **Guest Chef Flynt Payne of Auberge Resorts** will serve up a delectable mélange of culinary delights, and the inimitable **Terry Allen** and his **Panhandle Mystery Band** will provide the music and entertainment for the evening. Proceeds from the event, SITE Santa Fe's largest fundraiser of the year, will support the institution's exhibitions as well as its education and public programs for 2007.

### **Honoring SITE's Biennial Curators 1995-2008**

SITE is pleased to honor the curators of its international biennials, including **Bruce Ferguson** (1995), **Dave Hickey** (2001), **Robert Storr** (2004), **Klaus Ottmann** (2006), and **Lance Fung** (2008).

Special Artist Guests include: **Thomas Ashcraft, Barry X Ball, Jim Campbell, Stephen Dean, James Drake, Allen Graham, Jenny Holzer, Sherry Levine, John McCracken, Bruce Nauman, Nic Nicosia, Ken Price, Alan Rath, Susan Rothenberg, Ed Ruscha, Dana Schutz, Kiki Seror, and Fred Tomaselli.**

### **The Gala**

On Saturday, July 14, the evening will begin at 7 pm with a Preview Reception where guests can preview the extraordinary luxury packages featured in the live auction. Next, guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner created by Chef Flynt Payne of Auberge Resorts with wine generously provided by William Grant and Sons USA, and Bennett Family Wines. The live auction will follow dinner and will include approximately 12 lots. Terry Allen and the Panhandle Mystery Band will provide entertainment. The Gala will be a highlight of the lively Santa Fe summer social season, and, as in past years, the auction is expected to draw a large number of important contemporary art collectors and patrons to town.

In addition to the evening's festivities, SITE will present **Art on the Global Stage**, a roundtable discussion on **Saturday afternoon, July 14 at 2 pm**, at the newly renovated **James A. Little Theater**, at the New Mexico School for the Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Road. SITE's Biennial curators and distinguished artists will engage in a roundtable discussion about the opportunities and challenges that they face as art and exhibition-makers in the wake of the globalized art market and the ever expanding biennial circuit.

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Jeri Berger Hertzman is Gala Benefit Chairman, and Board Chairman Marlene Nathan Meyerson and Margarita Waxman head the Auction Committee. Lead sponsors to date include **Auberge Resorts, Cartier, NetJets, and Sotheby's.**

Gala Patron Tickets are \$650. Founder Tables are \$25,000 and Benefactor Tables are \$10,000. For more information, tables, or tickets, please contact Jo-Anne Skinner, SITE Santa Fe, at 505.989.1199 x 20, email: [skinner@sitesantafe.org](mailto:skinner@sitesantafe.org), or visit us on the web at [www.sitesantafe.org](http://www.sitesantafe.org).

### **SITE Santa Fe**

Opened in 1995, SITE Santa Fe is a private not-for-profit, non-collecting contemporary arts organization committed to enriching the cultural life of Santa Fe and beyond by providing an ongoing venue for exhibitions of artists who merit international recognition and complementary education and multidisciplinary public programs. Its International Biennial is a crucial part of this mission. SITE Santa Fe's biennial tradition and its ongoing exhibitions fulfill a mandate that consistently places SITE—and the artists it exhibits—in the top bracket of cutting-edge contemporary art.

SITE Santa Fe is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Hours: Wed–Sat, 10 AM–5 PM; Friday, 10 AM–7 PM; Sunday, 12 PM–5 PM. Museum admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, teachers and seniors; members are free. Free admission is offered on Fridays, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., Houston. Tours by SITE Guides are available free of charge to the public with paid admission and are also regularly scheduled on Fridays at 6 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 pm. SITE Santa Fe gift certificates are available. Call 505.989.1199 for more information.

### **Benefit Committee**

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