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SPLASH!
OAG Art Auction
COUP D'ÉCLAT!
L'encan d'art de la GAO
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Buy Art. Be Cool.

At *Splash!* The Ottawa Art Gallery's
Annual Art Auction

Thursday 7 June 2007, from 6 to 9 pm

Buying art can be so cool. Dive into spring at OAG's annual Art Auction and view and bid on a wide range of contemporary art created by over fifty outstanding regional artists. Twenty of Ottawa's best restaurants and caterers will whet your appetite with delicious cuisine and complementary beverages inspired by the event's theme. This is guaranteed to be an unforgettable evening of excellent art, food and drink, with many of the artists in attendance.

The event will be an opportunity to view and bid on works by established and emerging artists. Works (preview here: www.ottawaartgallery.ca/artauction) include an impressive mix of paintings, photography, ceramic and other media. The art auction will be hosted by Derek Diorio, writer, producer, performer and most recently a director of film and television.

This year's goal is to raise \$ 60 000. The annual sell-out event is one of OAG's main fundraising activities and will benefit the Gallery's exhibition and public programs throughout the year.

Splash! takes place on Thursday 7 June 2007 at the Ottawa Art Gallery, 2 Daly Avenue, from 6 to 9 pm.

Tickets are \$75 before 31 May or \$90 at the door (with a \$45 tax receipt). Corporate packages of 8 may be purchased for \$600 (only until May 31st) and include public recognition as a supporter. All tickets include a bidding number, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails. Treats such as festival passes, weekend trips, and restaurant gift certificates are part of the surprise gift packages available.

For ticket information, or to purchase tickets:
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The Ottawa Art Gallery is the City's public gallery for contemporary and 20th-century art. It is committed to the acquisition, presentation and interpretation of contemporary art and is the home of the Firestone Collection of Canadian Art. It operates as a not-for-profit registered charity run by a volunteer Board of Directors.

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For additional information on OAG's *Splash!* Art Auction, contact Véronique Couillard at 613-233-8699 x 225, or email communic@ottawaartgallery.ca.

