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## Pratt Fine Arts Center's 28th Annual Fine Art Auction May 15, 2010 at 5pm at Hanger 30 in Magnuson Park

On Saturday, May 15, Pratt Fine Arts Center will host its much-anticipated 28th Annual Fine Art Auction: *Flights of Fancy* at Hangar 30 in Seattle's Magnuson Park. Showcasing more than 300 unique works of art by established and emerging artists, Pratt's auction is known throughout Seattle's arts community for its unique style and whimsical energy, as well as its outstanding selection of artwork.

Big changes are planned for this year's auction, which will be held off-site for the first time in many years, allowing Pratt to offer courses and studio rental to its students and artists without interruption. The event will also feature the energetic new auctioneer John Curley, former host of the popular television show *Evening Magazine*.

"Pratt's Annual Fine Art Auction is an excellent opportunity for seasoned collectors, art-lovers and artists to come together in an eclectic atmosphere to celebrate Pratt and support the Seattle arts community," said Events Manager Brandi Clark. This year's event has a 1940's aircraft theme and in keeping



with Pratt's reputation for quirkiness, the featured cocktails will be made with top shelf Midnight Moon moonshine.

This largest, most sensational of Pratt's events is also the bustling nonprofit's largest source of contributed income. "The funds we raise through our annual auction are vital to the financial stability of Pratt," said Executive Director Michelle Bufano. "These funds allow us to continue to make art available to everyone through our classes, free youth programs, studio rental program, and community events." The incredible energy and support generated by the 700 guests at the 28th Annual Fine Art Auction allowed Pratt

to raise over \$500,000 last year.

Auction pieces will be unveiled the evening of Friday, May 14 from 6 - 9pm at *Pratt Exposed: 2010 Fine Art Auction Exhibition*. Attendees to this **free event** will have this one-time opportunity to meet the artists whose work will be featured in the auction and view these exquisite works before they enter private collections. An online preview will also be available at [www.pratt.org](http://www.pratt.org) in April.

Tickets for Pratt's 28th Annual Fine Art Auction start at \$200. VIP tickets and table opportunities are also available. For these or sponsorship opportunities, contact Events Manager Brandi Clark at: [bclark@pratt.org](mailto:bclark@pratt.org), or by calling: 206.328.2200 x267. Reservations may be made online beginning in March, or by phone before April 13.

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**When:** Saturday, May 15, 2010  
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**Parking:** Free parking available

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Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.

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