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CONTEMPORARY ARTS FORUM

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Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is pleased to announce *THE* premier art and wine auction on the Central Coast, **Pink Elephants & Champagne: 12th Annual Valentine's Day Exhibition and Benefit Auction.**



WHAT: Pink Elephants & Champagne: 12th Annual Valentine's Day Exhibition and Benefit Auction

WHEN: SAT. FEB. 14, 2009

TIME: 6-9 PM

COST: \$300 per couple (guarantees an original artwork) or \$50 per person

LOCATION:

Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF)
653 Paseo Nuevo, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

PREVIEW DATE: THU. FEB. 12, 2009

TIME: 6-8 PM

LOCATION:

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FREE

SANTA BARBARA, CA.—*A Sparkling Affair!* A combined art exhibition and benefit, **Pink Elephants & Champagne** is a lavish reception featuring an exciting fine art raffle and auctions of superior wines, romantic gifts, and other inspired items. The reception, from 6-9 PM, will include delectable food provided by Duo Events & Catering, bubbly cocktails, and lively musical entertainment provided by Santa Barbara's own DJ Magneto. To reprise his role as emcee, this year internationally celebrated visual artist, Franco Mondini-Ruiz will be your host for all the fun!

This year's event takes a dynamic turn from the format of recent years. Rather than open bidding on all artworks, those who purchase a \$300 ticket are assured an original work of art to take home! Names will be drawn at random, and the selected couple will have just 30 seconds to choose a work from a stellar line-up of renowned contemporary artists! Of course, no auction would be complete without a little friendly competition, and the burning desire to select the 1st incredible work of art will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. For a sneak peak of all available works, join CAF Executive Director, Miki Garcia for a free preview and tour on Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 6-8 PM.

All benefit attendees will have the opportunity to participate in our silent wine auction—a highly anticipated event! Highlights include a VIP tasting and tour at Korbel Champagne Cellars, a 1999 Château Cheval Blanc Saint Emilion, a 1999 BV Georges de Latour Cabernet Sauvignon, and selections from Sea Smoke Cellars, Purisima Mountain Vineyard, and more! Don't miss your chance to attend this SPARKLING event! *Proceeds from this event directly support the artists of our time through CAF's highly acclaimed exhibitions and educational programs.*

For tickets, call 805.966.5373 or visit our website www.sbcacf.org.



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The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2008, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. **Images available upon request. For more information contact Lauren Mermel, at 805.966.5373 ext 104 or go online to www.sbcaf.org**

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