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MUSEUM OF
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NATIVE ARTS

A center of the INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

Tired of the Same Old Auctions? So Are We!

Santa Fe, NM – In a town full of nonprofit fundraising events, Under Construction: LIVE PAINT!, a two-day event, promises to be different.

On day one (February 6, 2010, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.) alumni, students, faculty and staff of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) will create original works of art live and on-site at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts. A DJ will provide inspired ambiance while artists paint and draw on the spot. Work created during the event on Saturday will then be exhibited in the Museum's main gallery on day two (Sunday, February 7, 2010, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.) and available for sale through a silent auction. Proceeds from art sales will be divided between the artists and a fund to purchase student work from the 2010 IAIA BFA Graduate's Exhibition held at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts March 5 through May 13. There is no admission for the event, and all are welcome to enjoy the energy around such spontaneous creating.

"We are excited to turn the museum's main gallery into a studio for one day for the IAIA community to paint for the public." Ryan Rice, Chief Curator, said. "We can't wait to see what transpires."

For more information about this event please call Samantha Ferguson at 505.428.5900. For more information about the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, a center of the Institute of American Indian Arts, please visit www.iaiamuseum.org.

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About the Museum

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Located in downtown Santa Fe, the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts is dedicated to advancing the discourse, knowledge and understanding of contemporary Native arts. Founded in 1971, the Museum's exhibitions, publications and educational programs challenge pre-conceived notions of contemporary art. The Museum of Contemporary Native Arts is home to the largest collection of contemporary Native art in the world. A premier shopping destination, the Museum's store offers the finest selection of contemporary Native arts and gifts from both emerging and established artists. The Museum is a center of the Institute of American Indian Arts.

Museum hours are Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday: noon to 5 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays from November through May as well as major holidays. Adult admission is \$5; senior citizens (62 and over), students with valid IDs and residents of NM: \$2.50. Admission is free for Native people, Museum members, youth under the age of 16, and NM residents visiting on Sunday.

IAIA's Mission:

To empower creativity and leadership in Native arts and cultures through higher education, lifelong learning and outreach