

Hyde Park Art Center Spring Gala combines artistic inspiration with culinary imagination

Chicago (April 2009)—On April 25 the Hyde Park Art Center, along with Ruth Horwich, will host the Art Center's annual Spring Gala. The event honors longtime board member Deone Jackman, and will take place at the Art Center from 7pm until midnight.

Celebrating its 70th anniversary, the Hyde Park Art Center has paired artists and chefs together to create inventive and delectable new dishes. Artist/chef teams will be stationed around the Art Center's building and offering a tasting portion of their dish. Guests are encouraged to explore the Art Center, grazing from the tasting stations as they go.

Participating restaurants include: Sweet Girl, Bin 36, Blackbird, MK, Coco Pazzo, La Petite Folie, Eleven City Diner, Table Fifty-Two and Province. Participating artists include: Jason Pickleman, Darrell Roberts, Tony Fitzpatrick, Tony Tassett, Juan Angel Chávez, Judy Ledgerwood, Theaster Gates, Jesus Salguero and Mary Lou Zelazny.

The Spring Gala honors longtime board member Deone Jackman, who led the Art Center's capital campaign from 2003 to 2005. The campaign's success allowed the Art Center to renovate its new building located at 5020 S. Cornell in 2006.

The Spring Gala also marks the beginning of *70 Days for 70 Years*, a 70 day celebration of creativity in honor of the Art Center's 70th anniversary.

The Hyde Park Art Center Spring Gala will take place on April 25, at 7pm at the Hyde Park Art Center, 5020 S. Cornell. Ticket prices and more information are available at www.hydeparkart.org/get-involved or by calling 773-324-5520. Press and other media are invited to the Gala's cocktail reception and silent auction, 7pm-8pm. To register as press, contact Crystal C. Pernell at cpernell@hydeparkart.org.

The Hyde Park Art Center is a not-for-profit organization that presents innovative exhibitions, primarily work by Chicago-area artists, and educational programs in the visual arts for children and adults of diverse backgrounds. The Center is funded in part by the Alphawood Foundation; The Chicago Community Trust; a City Arts III grant from the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council; Creative New Zealand; The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; The Leo S. Guthman Fund; The Irving Harris Foundation; Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; Joyce Foundation; JPMorgan Chase Foundation; The Mayer & Morris Kaplan Family Foundation; The MacArthur Foundation; The MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince; The Orbit Fund; Polk Bros. Foundation; The Clinton Family Fund; Sara Lee Foundation; The Wallace Foundation; and the generosity of its members and friends.