

## Related Talks and Events:

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

### Public Reception:

Sunday, October 26, 3 - 5 pm

### The Newly-Matched Game:

Connected Through Art-Making and Behind-the-Scenes Exhibition Tour  
Wednesday, October 29, 6 - 8pm

Get the behind-the-scenes scoop on what the commissioning process was really like from both artists and patrons involved in the project as well as a tour by the organizers.

### The Art of Collecting Art

Wednesday, November 12, 6 - 8pm

Our panel of new and established collectors will tell their tales of passion, possession, love, loss, and regret over art that make the most dramatic urban sagas look like bedtime stories.

### Workshop: Collecting 2.0

The Art Center announces its first Collector Workshop Series available to the public. This four-part series, led by Karen Lennox, will give exclusive and behind-the-scenes look at art collecting in Chicago. Contact Christina Jensen at [cjensen@hydeparkart.org](mailto:cjensen@hydeparkart.org) or 773-324-5520, x.1021, if you're interested in learning more or to sign up. \$100 fee. The sessions include:

#### ***What is Collectible?***

Saturday, January 10, 2 - 4pm at the home of Ruth Horwich

#### ***Dealer as Educator: Understanding what you buy***

Saturday, January 17, 2 - 4pm at Corbett vs. Dempsey Gallery

#### ***Art as an Investment: Can you make money off of buying art?***

Saturday, January 24, 2 - 4pm at Richard Gray Gallery

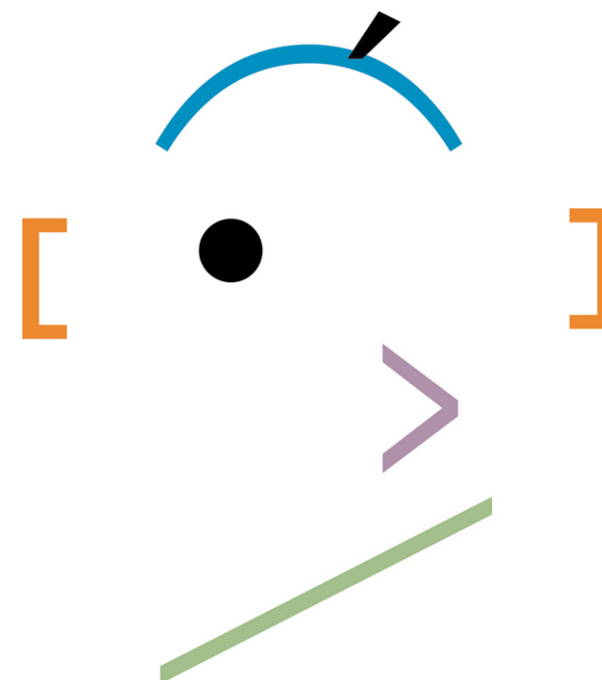
#### ***Wrap-up and Private Consultations***

Saturday, February 7, 2 - 4pm at the home of Karen Lennox

# Hyde Park**ART**CENTER Gallery 1 & 2

October 18, 2008 - January 11, 2009

## Not Just Another Pretty Face



This exhibition culminates the yearlong commissioning project organized by the Hyde Park Art Center.

## Hyde Park**ART**CENTER

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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; The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; The Leo S. Guthman Fund; The Irving Harris Foundation; The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; The 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; South East Chicago Commission; The Wallace Foundation; and the generosity of its members and friends.

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Participating Artists:

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Participating Patrons:

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Demetrius Few  
Curran and Young Jee Filer  
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About the Project:

Over the past year, the Hyde Park Art Center has cultivated collaborations between artists and patrons that have resulted in the personal works of art that are presented in this exhibition, *Not Just Another Pretty Face*.

At the beginning of the project, over 70 of Chicago’s incredibly creative and generous pool of artists agreed to participate in this project. Thirteen friends of the Art Center opened their homes to us and hosted salons so that others could learn about the project, and two salons were held at the Art Center for the public. Over 250 adventurous people attended these salons, bringing a genuine curiosity and interest in Chicago artists and the work they make. All left with an impression that there is much more to see and learn. In the end, 65 patrons commissioned 86 works by 58 artists. As you will see, the works produced traverse a wide range: varying in media, size, content and from the literal to the conceptual. They all flirt with the idea of portraiture in interesting ways.

As with the resulting works of art, the collaborations varied. Some patrons and artists were long-time friends, others met through this process. Artists and patrons ate meals together, road-tripped, visited museums, hiked through abandoned buildings, shared personal stories and interests, watched baseball, exchanged emails, and educated each other. Some patrons did not see the works until they were unveiled on October 18th, others were intimately involved in the process along the way.

The Hyde Park Art Center’s role has been largely to facilitate the interactions that make the project possible—and is based on our belief that when you bring people together who otherwise wouldn’t meet each other, interesting things happen.

Kate Lorenz  
Associate Director

Many of these artists are still available for commissions. Please see the front desk for a list of participating artists.