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CATCH 22
1708 Gallery’s 22nd Annual Art Auction Benefit
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

On Saturday, April 14th, 1708 Gallery will present its 22nd Annual Art Auction Benefit, CATCH 22. We are proud to welcome this year’s Honorary Chair, artist James Prosek, whose watercolor *Sailfish* is in the collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and who is represented locally by Reynolds Gallery.

Take part in the joy of discovery, the thrill of bidding, and bring home new art by the region’s best emerging and established artists. Auction Committee Chairs Haley McCall and Sarah Mizer invite you to join us for an exciting evening in support of our 34th year of presenting exceptional new art in Richmond. “This is my third time participating in the auction and my first time acting as co-chair. If the auction is as much fun as planning it has been, we’re all in for a treat. I’m looking forward to a night bursting with energy and enthusiasm in support of 1708.” says Mizer.

CATCH 22 will include a Live and Silent Art Auction, both featuring an exceptional group of over 60 of the area’s most respected artists. See a list of participating artists on the next page. As a special feature, we are excited to present two works by James Prosek, *Flying Fish*, a watercolor, gouache and graphite on tea-stained paper and *Sailfish*, an etching. We will also have a raffle for an exciting weekend trip for two to Art Basel Miami Beach. Long time supporter and participating artist Cindy Neuschwander says, “The 1708 Auction is always a big event for Richmond, and this year, I’m excited to see it return to its home venue. The energy and enthusiasm from the public and the participating artists always makes this event one of the highlights of the year. It is an event not to be missed for a great evening and the chance to bid on and go home with a quality piece of art.”

Leading up to the auction, 1708 will host Dive into Collecting! at Try-me (1623 W. Main St.) on Wednesday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Pam and Bill Royall and other Richmond collectors will share their insights into the process of building a personal art collection. Wine and desserts will be served.
Artists participating in either the live or silent auction include:

Pam Anderson  
Nicole Andreoni  
Katie Baines  
Brad Birchett  
Gloria Blades  
Sally Bowring  
Amy Chan  
Genesis Chapman  
Tom Chenoweth  
Stacey Evans  
Suzanna Fields  
Bill Fisher  
Mari Fray Foster  
Travis Fullerton  
Joan Gaustad  
Mim Golub  
John Grant  
Chris Gregson  
Kathryn Henry-Choisser  
Mary Holland  
Susan Jamison  
Rosemary Jesionowski  
Kirsten Kindler  
Andy Kozlowski

Michael Lease  
Matt Lively  
Nichole Maury  
Aaron McIntosh  
Ryan McLennan  
Liz Miller  
Sarah Rebekah Byrd Mizer  
Jiha Moon  
Cindy Neuschwander  
Amie Oliver  
James Prosek  
Eleanor Rufty  
Alyssa Salomon  
Diego Sanchez  
Noah Scalin  
Georgianne Stinnett  
Jody Symula  
Javier Tapia  
Rob Tarbell  
Kendra Wadsworth  
Robert Walz  
Kimberly Witham  
and more

CATCH 22 promises to be a fantastic event. The Auction artwork will be on view at 1708 Gallery from the opening reception on Thursday, April 5, through the evening of the Auction on Saturday, April 14. Beginning Friday, March 30 the artwork featured in the Auction can be seen by visiting www.1708gallery.org. We will accept absentee bids starting at this time.

Admission to CATCH 22 is $100 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Proceeds from the Auction provide crucial support for 1708 Gallery’s exhibitions and programs as well as for the participating artists. For more details about the Auction and to purchase admission, please call 1708 Gallery at 804.643.1708 or visit www.1708gallery.org.

1708 Gallery is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.

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