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35 CANDLES

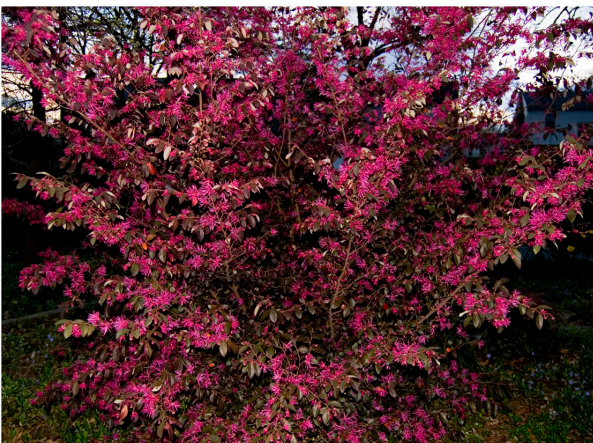
1708 Gallery's Art Auction & Birthday Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014



On Saturday, March 29, 1708 Gallery will present its Annual Art Auction Benefit and Birthday Celebration, **35 CANDLES**. We are proud to welcome this year's Honorary Chair, acclaimed artist Kristin Baker, whose support is a generous endorsement of 1708's role in Richmond's arts community.

New York-based painter Kristen Baker first garnered attention for dynamic paintings that referenced auto racing. Now, one of the prominent contemporary abstract artists, Baker continues to employ suggestions of energy and speed with dynamic gestures and vibrant palette. The new work created for 1708 Gallery's Annual Art Auction is emblematic of this signature style. Baker is not new to Virginia. Her painting *The Prig* is in the collection of the VMFA.



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 Elissa Armstrong and Haley McCall invite you to join us for an exciting evening in support of our 35th year of presenting exceptional new art in Richmond.

35 CANDLES will include **Live** and **Silent Art Auctions**, both featuring an outstanding group of over 50 of the area's most respected artists. As a special feature, we are excited to present **a large painting by Kristin Baker as well as an edition of silk screens** all made especially for 1708's auction. We will also have a **raffle for three custom portraits** including a *Man's Best Friend Portrait* by Matt Lively, a *Free-Motion Embroidered Portrait* by Michael-Birch Pierce and a *Miniature Papier-Mâché Portrait* by Rachel Cohn. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100 and can be purchased in advance at 1708 Gallery or by calling 804.643.1708. The drawing will be held at the auction, though the winner does not have to be present.



New for this year, 1708 will host an **afternoon of self-guided artist studio tours** in advance of the auction on **Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 6 p.m.** Bring along a friend and connect with some of the talented **35 CANDLES** auction artists in their creative environments.

Artists featured on the studio tours include Sally Bowring, Amy Chan, Tom Condon, Chris Mahonski, Brittany Nelson, Amie Oliver, Michael-Birch Pierce and Heide Trepanier. The day will culminate with drinks and hors d'oeuvres with the artists at 1708 Gallery. Admission to the tours is included with your auction ticket but can also be purchased separately for \$35. For more details about the studio tours and to purchase admission, please call 1708 Gallery at 804.643.1708 or visit www.1708gallery.org.

Leading up to the auction, 1708 will also host a **happy hour and preview** for **35 CANDLES** on **Tuesday, March 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.** Meet the participating artists and make note of your favorite auction artworks. We'll have an open bar, refreshments and entertainment.

Artists participating in either the live or silent auction include:

Eleanor Aldrich	Suzanna Fields	Anthony Meloro	Mary Scurlock
Pam Anderson Sutherland	Bill Fisher	Sarah Rebekah Byrd Mizer	Matt Shelton
Conor Backman	Pam Fox	Val Molnar	Matt Spahr
Katie Baines	Travis Fullerton	Brittany Nelson	Gordon Stettinius
Kristin Baker	Christine Gray	Cindy Neuschwander	Jody Symula
Andy Bality	Chris Gregson	Amie Oliver	Javier Tapia
Sally Bowring	Ed Gross	Michael-Birch Pierce	Rob Tarbell
Janet Bruhn	Kathryn Henry-Choisser	Michael Pierce	Paul Teeples
Amy Chan	Mary Holland	Louis Poole	Paul Thulin
Genesis Chapman	Susan Jamison	Justin James Reed	Heide Trepanier
Tom Chenoweth	Andy Kozlowski	Fiona Ross	Kevin Van Aelst
Rachel Cohn	Michael Lease	Eleanor Rufty	Kendra Wadsworth
Tom Condon	Matt Lively	Diego Sanchez	Susan Worsham
Ben Durham	Chris Mahonski	Mary Scurlock	

35 CANDLES promises to be a fantastic event. Auction artwork will be on view beginning with the Studio Tours on Sunday, March 16 through the night of the Auction gala on Saturday, March 29. We're pleased to announce that once again the silent auction artwork will be hosted by our neighbors, Black Iris. The artwork featured in the Auction can be also be viewed at www.1708gallery.org. Absentee bidding will be accepted through Friday, March 28.

Admission to **35 CANDLES** 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 **35 CANDLES** 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.

IMAGE CREDITS: page 1: Susan Jamison, *Needle Me*; Michael Lease, *For the Lack of Words, March 28, 2008 (Bellevue Chinese witch hazel)*; Genesis Chapman, *Untitled*; page 2: Amy Chan, *AntiMatter I*; Mary Scurlock, *Avignon: A Talisman*; Eleanor Rufty, *Bathers (4)*