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SAVE PLANET ART **A 1708 GALLERY BENEFIT**

1708 Gallery's biggest fundraiser of the year, **Save Planet Art**, will be presented on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 7:00pm. Frances Lewis, long time supporter and art collector, is serving as the honorary chair of this event.

Work by the area's best emerging and established artists will be available through a live and silent auction. *Save Planet Art* will also feature 30 globes, each created by a different artist who has contributed to 1708's thirty years of presenting new art in Richmond. A sampling of these artists includes founding members Joseph Seipel and Tom Chenoweth, Peter Culley, Ruth Bolduan, Eleanor Rufty, Sandra Luckett, Carole Garmon, Chris Chase and Louis Poole. Former 1708 Gallery Board Member Ronnie Sampson, currently a designer and artist living in San Francisco; described the endeavor as "changing the world with a box of old art supplies." The globes will be part of the silent auction and can be bid on as early as opening night on February 20th.

Build your collection while supporting 1708 Gallery's exhibitions and programs. Proceeds of the auction directly support 1708 Gallery's exhibitions and educational programs.

Save Planet Art is dedicated to the memory of William Fields.

Event Details:

Public opening reception: February 20, 2009 at 6:30pm

Live Auction: February 28, 2009 at 7:00pm

Single Tickets \$75 (\$90 at the door). Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information about the auction, tickets, or sponsorship opportunities, please call 804-643-1708.



About the Gallery

1708 Gallery is Virginia's first alternative non-profit gallery and one of the oldest artist run galleries in the country committed to expanding the understanding, development, and appreciation of contemporary art. Through diverse exhibitions, educational programs and services for artists and the community, the Gallery provides a forum for dialogue that contributes to the development and creation of culture.