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Dallas Contemporary Announces Wish! Art Auction Benefitting Dallas Contemporary

Dallas, TEXAS [April 2011] Dallas Contemporary, a non-collecting art museum presenting new and challenging ideas from regional, national and international artists, will hold its annual Wish! Art Auction on **Saturday 14 May from 7.00 to 11.00 pm** at **Dallas Contemporary at 161 Glass Street. Peek**, a sneak preview of the art, will be held on **Thursday 12 May from 7.00 to 10.00 pm** at Dallas Contemporary.

The Wish! Art Auction features more than **100 works** by **emerging and established artists, regional, national and international**. Key artists that will be showcased in the auction this year include **Gabriel Dawe, Joseph Havel, Damien Hirst, Erwin Wurm** and many more. Wish! is a chance for art enthusiasts to have a front row seat at a lively and entertaining auction of top caliber works. The evening invites new collectors and savvy art connoisseurs to view and bid on a diverse selection of pieces. Peek's sneak preview allows for a first look at the works featured prior to the Saturday evening auction.

"Both nights are must-attend events with amazing performance art," said **Peter Doroshenko, Dallas Contemporary Executive Director**. Attendees are requested to bring \$1 bills to Peek on Thursday 12 May; Thai performance artist **Surasi Kusolwong** will create an **interactive street market** experience. Saturday evening will feature a **unique lowrider car project by Puerto Rican artist Dzine** and music by New York City **DJ Jesse Marco**.

Brooke Hortenstine and **Capera Ryan** are returning as the 2011 Peek and Wish! Art Auction co-chairs. They are joined by entertainment co-chairs **Nicole Musselman** and **Merry Vose**; art co-chairs **Patrick Collins, Mike Masters** and **Karla McKinley**; and underwriting co-chairs **Muffin Lemak** and **Shelby Wagner**.

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Tickets are available online at www.dallascontemporary.org or for questions email wish@dallasconemporary.org. Tickets to Peek are \$60 for non-members / \$50 for members; Wish! Art Auction tickets are \$150 for non-members / \$125 for members; tickets to both Peek and the Wish! Art Auction are \$175 for non-members / \$150 for members.

About Dallas Contemporary:

Dallas Contemporary is a non-collecting art museum presenting new and challenging ideas from regional, national and international artists. The institution is committed to engaging the public through exhibitions, lectures, educational programs and events.

Dallas Contemporary is open to the public: Tuesday - Saturday, 10.00 – 18.00 (10 am to 6 pm); Sunday, 12.00 – 18.00 (12.00 to 6.00 pm); and 1st Thursdays until 20.00 (8.00 pm).

Admission is always FREE. For information, please call + 214 821 2522 or visit dallascontemporary.org.

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