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Exit Art Benefit Print Portfolios Retrospective 1998 – 2009

Opening and Reception

Deborah Colton, Carolyn Farb, and Lester Marks of Deborah Colton Gallery had a rare opportunity to host Exit Art, a critically acclaimed New York non-profit art institution, for an exhibition and benefit on January 6th, from 6-8pm. The exhibit will be up through January 16, and is a collection of amazing portfolios mixing today's preeminent artists with emerging artists. The portfolios are collected by major institutions including The Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Over the past 30 years Exit Art has become known for cutting edge programs and discovering the next generation of major artists. Some of the artists who generously donate works to the portfolios are Marina Abramovic, Donald Baechler, Louise Bourgeois, Sol LeWitt, Julie Mehretu, Yigal Ozeri, Kiki Smith, Nancy Spero, and Carrie Mae Weems to mention a few. The portfolio covers are designed by Co-founder and Artistic Director of Exit Art, Papo Colo.

Portfolios are available for sale to benefit Exit Art, please contact Ms. Christensen audrey@exitart.org or call the gallery 713-869-5151 for more information.

A post Gallery celebration was held in the home of Carolyn Farb honoring board members and out of town guests: Board Chair Charles and Naomie Kremer, Co-Founder and Director Jeanette Ingberman, Fairfax Dorn, and Mark Epstein. Those in attendance at the Gallery were CAM Director Bill Arning, Galveston Arts Center's Clint Willour, Andrew Abendshein and Eloise Frischkorn, Gallery artists and photographers Jay Rusovich, Nathaniel Donnet, and Michael Meazell. Others in attendance were Reggie and Leigh Smith, Angelica Chapman, Kristy Phillips and Rob Taylor, Chris Kelly, Don Hooper and Rachel Ann Palmer, Jim and Jo Furr, Marthann Masterson and Mike Weaber, Kent Shaffer and Leanna Tran and Terrence Hodby. An evening of art, philanthropy, and meaningful collaborations was enjoyed by all. Guests enjoyed the music of Rom Ryan and a menu of Mexican Fare created by Kitty Bailey of Abuso Catering. The out of towners enjoyed spicy shrimp nachos, Sunshine Margaritas, jack cheese enchiladas, topped off with scrumptious pineapple coconut cake.

Photos by Kim Coffman are available.