

Emergency Artists' Support League (EASL) Announces *Art Heist 2010*

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Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 7PM-11PM

Lofty Spaces – 816 Montgomery – Dallas, TX 75215

Honorary Co-Chairs Edith Baker and Patricia Meadows announce the 2010 EASL Art Heist! The Art Heist is held every other year and is the Emergency Artists' Support League's main fundraising event for grants to North Texas area visual artists with emergency medical and other needs. Ticket levels are \$50 (admits one to the party only) and \$250 (admits two to the party and a work of art in the Heist). Sponsorship levels are available starting at \$500 and offer additional privileges.

The Art Heist party, being held at Lofty Spaces, allows guests to "heist" a work of art donated by over 150 local professional artists. Doors open at 7PM on Saturday, October 30th for a preview of the art and the "heist" starts at 8PM. The party will continue until 11PM until all the art is heisted!

There will also be a special drawing for a "Stolen Gems" work of art. These are special pieces in four mediums donated by Susan Kae Grant (photograph), Otis Jones (drawing), Sherry Owens (sculpture) and Marty Ray (ceramics). "Stolen Gems" tickets are \$25 each and the winner does not need to be present to win.

A sampling of notable local artists that have donated work for the Heist includes Bob Nunn, Cecil Touchon, Celia Munoz, Chris Fulmer, David Hickman, Denise Brown, Ellen Tuchman, Frank X Tolbert II, Gregory Story, Heather Gorham, John Pomara, Kathy Boortz, Kenda North, Mark Smith, Norman Kary, Rusty Scruby and Susan Lecky.

Online ticket purchasing and further information about EASL and the Art Heist can be found at www.easl.us. Tickets can also be purchased directly from Art Heist Chairs and Committee Members: Marla Bane, Marty Ray, Anna Palmer, Patricia Meadows, Rini Baker, Melodee Ramirez, Kim McCarty, Nancy Ferro, Edith Baker, Norman Kary, Kathy Windrow or Taylor McDaniel in Dallas or from Pam or Bill Campbell in Ft Worth.

EASL is a volunteer committee, founded in 1992, that raises and distributes funds to artists in need. EASL funds provide emergency financial assistance to visual artists and art professionals during times of unforeseen medical emergency or dire temporary distress by awarding monetary grants. Grants are available to visual artists residing in Dallas/Ft. Worth and the surrounding counties. To date, EASL has dispersed over \$300,000 in grants to artists. EASL grants are distributed confidentially to maintain the artists' anonymity and dignity. The EASL Fund is maintained and held for distribution by the Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

EASL Art Heist Honorary Chairs: Edith Baker and Patricia B. Meadows

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