

National and Area Celebrities and Artists to Sell Original Works of Art for “99 Bucks” at Fundraising Event

*Actors, Artists and Politicians Donated Original Art for Palm Springs Art Museum
Fundraiser at Hotel Zoso April 11*



April 7, 2009 (Palm Springs, CA) – Actress Cameron Diaz is just one of the more than 275 artists and celebrities to contribute original works of art that will be sold at the first ever “99 Bucks” sale this Saturday at the Hotel Zoso in Palm Springs. On Saturday, April 11, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the museum will offer for sale these original 5” x 7” , but all the works will remain anonymous and be signed only on the back. Only after purchasing the art will the buyer learn of the identity of the artist.

Celebrity artists include:

Film and television producer **J J Abrams**
Actress **Kaye Ballard**
Local drag queen **Bella da Ball**
Actress **Cameron Diaz**
Columnist **Gloria Greer**
Actor **Dutch Haling**
Actress **Ruta Lee**
Singer **Trini Lopez**
Artist **SHAG (Josh Agle)**
Actress **Elaine Stritch**
Baseball star **Don Sutton**
Designer **Trina Turk**
Singer **Deniece Williams**

In addition, the City of Palm Springs Mayor and City Council Members have each contributed a canvas, as well as local well known artists including Karen & Tone Barone, Cash Baxter, Robert R Bradshaw, Robert Burridge, Charlie Ciali, Kathy Dunham, David Einstein, Snake Jagger, Steve Janssen, Kimberly Nichols, and Mark Stephenson.



The public will be invited to a cocktail reception (with food and a full bar) and allowed to review these miniature masterpieces from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. At 5:30, the sale will begin and buyers can purchase any of the works for just \$99 each (plus tax) on a first come, first served basis. Buyers will not know if their selection was created by a movie star, a talented manicurist, or a professional artist until after the close of sales when the mystery artists will be revealed.

Tickets to the event are \$19.99 and will be sold at the Annenberg Theatre Box Office at the door the day of the event. For more information about this event, contact Artists Council Coordinator Gary Paterson at 760.322.4850.

The Artists Council is a group of more than 300 professional and amateur artists whose primary mission is to help the Palm Springs Art Museum inspire an awareness of the arts throughout the Coachella Valley. They facilitate the museum's year round art instruction workshops, sponsor monthly Artists in Action live art demonstrations at the museum and diligently work to provide free art instruction in various mediums to the community's young artists of the future.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of modern, contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum's Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. with free admission from 4 – 8 p.m. sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 12 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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