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LOCAL ARTISTS UNITE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

(Ferndale, MI – August 29, 2007) Nearly 300 of Detroit's most prominent artists will donate original pieces of art to be auctioned at the twelfth annual "ART WORKS FOR LIFE." This exciting event will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2007 at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP).

"ART WORKS FOR LIFE" will feature a live and silent auction with event auctioneer Jim Miller, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, valet or self parking and live musical entertainment. The Honorary Chairpersons for this year's benefit are Governor Jennifer Granholm and Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. The Honorary Host is Ms. Fanchon Stinger of FOX2 News/WJBK Detroit.

Participating artists include Carl Demeulenaere, Jeanne Bieri, Mel Rosas, Sergio De Giusti, Claudia Shepard, Charles Alexander, Stephen Magsig, Anne Fracassa, Clint Snider, Jeri Hollister, Jo Powers and many others. Sponsors include: The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, FOX 2 – WJBK, WDET-FM, Visteon Corporation, LaSalle Bank, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Tiffany Florist, The Detroit News, Metro Times, PR Newswire, HOUR Detroit Magazine, Eclipse Creative, Henry Ford Health System, Sodexo and Between the Lines.

The Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) is a non-profit, community based organization that provides HIV/AIDS education programs for community groups throughout the Great Lakes Region. Since 1988, MAPP has provided thousands of HIV/AIDS prevention programs for over a half of a million people in the Midwest.

Reservations are \$85. For a complete list of participating artists, reservations or for more information please call (248) 545-1435 or visit www.artworksforlife.org.

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