



# News Release

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**EVENT:** *Twilight in the Garden 2008*  
Sunday, September 21, 4:30-8 p.m.  
RSVP required. To request an invitation, call (517) 353-9834

**LOCATION:** The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development  
Michigan State University  
3535 Forest Road  
Lansing, MI 48910-3831

## **Friends of Kresge Art Museum Band Together with Local Artists and Businesses to Benefit the Future Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum Kresge Art Museum, MSU**

**East Lansing, Michigan** — The 9th annual *Twilight in the Garden* fundraiser for Kresge Art Museum will be held Sunday, September 21, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the James B. Henry Center for Executive Development. Tickets start at \$100 and an RSVP is required. To request an invitation, call (517) 353-9834.

Proceeds from this annual event, organized by a committee of over 20 volunteers led by Scott Sowulewski, will benefit the Facilities Fund for a new art museum building. The new Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, designed by world-renowned Zaha Hadid, will enable the museum to increase its visibility, showcase more of the permanent collection, organize and exhibit larger and more significant exhibitions, become more integral to university life and the greater community — bringing international attention to the museum, MSU, the region and Michigan. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April of 2009.

Kresge Art Museum Director, Susan J. Bandes is excited about the new building, "This will enhance the capabilities of the museum to meet the needs of the community. As the only accredited art museum in mid-Michigan, Kresge Art Museum already serves as the capitol area's art museum with a national reputation and is recognized within the museum profession. Our collection and community deserve a handsome facility for education and entertainment of all."

Elinor Holbrook, President of the Friends of Kresge Art Museum, echoes Bandes' enthusiasm about this year's *Twilight in the Garden*. The proceeds will help the Friends reach their fundraising goal of \$1 million, of which they have already raised over \$825,000.

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*Twilight* will start in the late afternoon in the atrium of the Henry Center, overlooking the verdant Forest Akers golf course. Guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks and bid on silent auction items, including more than one hundred different works of art, donated by local artists. Local businesses have donated an additional 50 auction items, ranging from travel packages and performance tickets to sports memorabilia.

Music by the Presto Okemos High School String Quartet and jazz saxophonist George Howard will set the tone for the early evening, followed by a seated dinner, expertly prepared by University Club chefs. *Twilight* culminates with a spirited live auction led by professional auctioneers from Sheridan Realty and Auction Company.

Pieces of hand carved stone sculpture by Featured Artist Maureen Bergquist Gray will be on display throughout the evening. Ms. Gray is presently at work on sculptures honoring Robert Busby and David Kleis for Old Town Lansing. Her work was exhibited at East Lansing's Mackerel Sky Gallery of Contemporary Craft in spring 2006.

Guests at *Twilight 2007* clamored for Williamston-based artist Mark Chatterley's ceramic crow sculptures. Chatterley exhibits nationally, and was also featured in a Mackerel Sky exhibition in spring 2007. Chatterley will again donate multiple sculptures to this year's event — though based on human, rather than animal, forms.

*Twilight in the Garden* is presented by Grand Patron Sponsor the City of East Lansing, as well as Picasso Level Sponsor Albert Place Condominiums. Other major sponsors include General Motors, Rehmann Financial Group and Kristin Olson, and the Team Lansing Foundation. Honorary chairs for the event are Kim A. Wilcox, Provost, MSU, and Diane Del Buono; Bill and Linda Demmer; Stella Cash, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Dr. Jerry Cash. Over forty additional sponsors and donors have provided support for the event through sponsorships and donations.

To request an invitation, or more information on *Twilight* and the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum project, visit [www.artmuseum.msu.edu](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu), or call 517-353-9834.

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**Editor's Note:** Images of artwork available at the *Twilight* auction, as well as photos from prior *Twilight* events are available upon request.

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