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Twilight in the Garden

A BENEFIT FOR THE KRESGE ART MUSEUM EXPANSION

East Lansing, Michigan. The Friends of Kresge Art Museum and honorary chairs, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Dan Mulhern, Hon. Lee Sprague, Ogema, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Hon. Janine Sam, Councilor, Michigan State University President Designate and Provost Dr. Lou Anna Simon, and Dr. Roy Simon, Trustee G. Scott Romney and Ellen Rogers, Mayor Tony Benavides and Carmen Benavides, Mayor Mark Meadows and Pam Meadows, and Eli Broad and Edythe Broad, cordially invite you to attend the 5th annual Kresge Art Museum *Twilight in the Garden*, Sunday, September 12, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts and its surrounding gardens. Tickets to the event begin at \$100 per person.

Highlighting the works of nationally known painter John Felsing, sculptor Mark Chatterley and watercolorist Margaret Meade-Turnbull, *Twilight in the Garden* will feature the best in art, music, food and nature. Event proceeds benefit the Kresge Art Museum Campaign for the Art Museum, an \$11 million expansion project. The expansion, to be funded entirely by private donors, includes additional gallery space to exhibit more of the 7,000 art works in the permanent collection, display larger special exhibitions, and improve capacity for K-12 community educational programs with the addition of a hands-on discovery gallery, meeting rooms and a larger museum store.

Chair of the event, Mike Cook, expects a sell out crowd based on past attendance and growing support of the museum's expansion project, which is sited within the new **Michigan State University Corridor of the Arts**, flanked by Fairchild Theater, the proposed new School of Music and the Department of Art and Art History. "Kresge is the only accredited art museum in mid-Michigan, but due to space limitations, the community only sees a very small percent of its extraordinary collection," says Cook. "Funds raised by *Twilight in the Garden* will create a worthy home for this important community resource."

To date Carrabba's Italian Grill, General Motors Corporation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, and Dart Foundation have stepped forward with major support to underwrite the event. A silent and live auction will also feature art, jewelry, travel and vacation opportunities and luxury items for purchase.

For additional information or event reservations, please visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu or call **517/353-9834**.

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