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Twilight in the Garden

BENEFIT FOR THE KRESGE ART MUSEUM EXPANSION FEATURES NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTISTS

September 12, 2004, 4:00-7:30 p.m. at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts and its surrounding gardens

The art of **Mark Chatterley**, **John Felsing** and **Margaret Meade-Turnbull**, all Mid-Michigan artists, will be featured at the 5th annual Kresge Art Museum *Twilight in the Garden*, showcasing the best in visual and performing arts while raising funds to expand the Museum.

Chatterley, a Williamston-based sculptor, has won national and international awards for his ceramic sculpture, which “explores what it means to be human in the 21st century.” **Felsing**, a Mason resident and self-taught painter, routinely “sells out” shows at prominent Manhattan and Santa Fe galleries. His Michigan landscapes mark the point of convergence between realism and abstraction. “Everything I’ve done is within five miles of my home,” he says. “My work is a response to my life.” **Meade-Turnbull**, an East Lansing watercolorist, has shown her award winning work at more than 23 national and state exhibitions. Respected as a teacher and mentor, **Meade-Turnbull** doesn’t paint to accomplish predetermined goals. “My contention is that you work and after it’s done, the work tells you what it wants to communicate,” she says. The featured artists will be present at the event to discuss their work and answer questions. Art will also be available for purchase at the silent and live auctions featured at the event.

The \$11 million dollar Kresge expansion project, funded by private donations, will allow more of the 7,000 works in the permanent collection to be displayed. Added gallery space will also attract important traveling exhibitions, which currently bypass mid-Michigan for other venues. “Lansing, as the capital city, should be the center of the state’s cultural growth,” says **Chatterley**. “Kresge’s new addition will be the catalyst for new, artistic endeavors.”

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