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PRESS RELEASE

Genesis: Art for Haiti

Dates: 7th – 11th of April 2010

Private view: 6-9pm, 7th April 2010

Auction: 4:30pm, 11th April 2010



Two months after the devastating earthquake in Haiti, over thirty artists have gathered together and donated their work for this unique exhibition to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal.

The selection in *Genesis: Art for Haiti* will include photography, painting, video and installation. Funding will be raised by selling the artworks at a public auction on the 11th of April. Photographer Seba Kurtis has donated new work, and filmmaker Leah Gordon will show her new documentary 'Atis-Rezistans: the Sculptors of Grand Rue'. Artists have also come up with creative ways to raise funds throughout the exhibition, so special edition catalogues, and DVD's with the video works will be available at the front desk.

Since the devastating earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale hit the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, over €60m have been raised by the DEC. These donations have helped to provide temporary housing, distribute food and water, set up mobile clinics, and hygiene facilities. Efforts are still far from providing Haitians with decent humanitarian conditions and security remains a problem in the capital. It is important to keep up humanitarian aid to organizations that are working in Haiti. *Genesis: Art for Haiti* also works as a platform to raise awareness on Haiti's situation, and inspire others to engage in humanitarian aid through creative practice. Our weblog has served to provide links to important information, organizations and other websites, where people can access information regarding progress and other events related to Haiti.

The private view will be a good opportunity for you to exchange and gather ideas, meet the artists and organizers, and engage directly with the project, creating a social platform for creative minds, producers, curators and people with a genuine interest in charity.

At the auction you will have a chance to bid on art from some amazing local, and international artists including – Richard Beenen, Matthew Douglas, Petr Dub, Lorenzo Durantini, Tomas Hein, Velika Janceva, Seba Kurtis, Elisabeth Molin, Vera Mulyani, Marje Murusalu, Tim Plamper, Chantal Riekkel, Joanna Scislowicz – amongst others. **All of the funds raised will be donated to the DEC's Haitian Earthquake Appeal (Registered Charity No.:1062638).**

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