

Noyes Museum of Stockton College Hosting Benefit to Raise Funds for Children in Haiti

Ongoing Celebration of Haitian Art Features a Number of Exhibits at the Noyes Museum

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Oceanville, NJ- Six months ago, four representatives from The Noyes Museum of Art of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey traveled to Haiti to bring art supplies to the young children and teenagers who survived the devastating January 2010 earthquake.

The team, known as the Haiti Emergency Art Relief Team, H.E.A.R.T., documented their trip to Haiti through video and photography mediums. Beginning this month, one year since the earthquake struck, the artwork of the young Haitian artists who worked with the H.E.A.R.T. team on a number of different art projects, will be on display at the Noyes Museum in addition to a photographic documentary of the team's journey.

On **Thursday, February 10, 2011**, from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, the Noyes Museum will host its H.E.A.R.T. of Haiti Benefit Party. The evening of live entertainment, Caribbean style cuisine and a cash bar will benefit "Let the Children" and FAVAJ Children's Camps in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Attendees will have the opportunity to partake in a question and answer session with the H.E.A.R.T team, as well as an art activity. Guests will be able to browse the art exhibits featuring the work of Haitian artists, and a short film will be shown.

Advance tickets are \$20, and tickets purchased at the door are \$30. The ticket price includes admission, one free drink ticket, food and music. To purchase a ticket, please contact the Noyes Museum by calling 609-652-8848 or by e-mailing <u>info@noyesmuseum.org</u>. The event will be held at the Noyes Museum, located at 733 Lily Lake Road, Oceanville, New Jersey.

For more information, please contact Celeste Safeer at 609-652-8848 or publicrelations@noyesmuseum.org.

A number of exhibits will be on display at both the Oceanville and Hammonton Noyes Museum locations now through the month of March. -more-

EXHIBITIONS

Heart of Haiti

January 10-March 27, 2011

Haitian art is language and life. It is visual expression in its most potent form. Faced with a tempestuous political atmosphere, economic destitution, recent natural disaster, Haitians have transposed their tribulations into a vibrant visual culture. Whether political or devotional Haitian art is the essence of a people; it is their collective spirit. Presented here are several of Haiti's well known artists as well as the country's acclaimed emerging artists.

Haiti Through Our Eyes

February 1-March 31, 2011

In August, The Noyes Museum of Art sent H.E.A.R.T. (Haiti Emergency Art Relief Team) to Haiti to engage children in art activities. Filled with hope and determination, the children of this ravaged country created brilliant paintings, story books and photographs. This exhibition presents the journey of the Noyes Museum team in photographs and the idea that art knows no boundaries. Images capture the devastated country, its cities and mountainsides, and its people trying to rebuild their lives against all odds.

Hammonton Exhibition -Faces of Haiti

January 5-February 2, 2011

Portraits tell the story of the people of Haiti. Constantly challenged by the destruction surrounding them the Haitian people struggle to maintain normalcy. Photographic portraits focus on the individual people of Haiti with their eyes filled with emotion and determination to move forward.

ArtPort- The Art by the Children of Haiti

January- March 2011

Art is a way of life in Haiti. This artwork created by the children of Haiti celebrates the country's vibrant art culture and the children's uninhibited creativity.

About the Museum: The Noyes Museum of Art was founded in 1983 to collect, preserve, and exhibit American fine and folk art, with an emphasis on New Jersey artists and folk art forms, reflecting the area's traditions, history, landscape, and culture. General funding for The Noyes Museum of Art is provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Arts; the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation; the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; the Odessa F. and Henry D. Kahrs Charitable Trust. The Noyes Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m., and is closed on major holidays. The Noyes Museum of Art is located one and a half miles south of Historic Smithville Village, off of Route 9, on Lily Lake Road in Oceanville, New Jersey. Admission fees are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. The Hammonton satellite gallery opened in October, 2008. The mission of the Hammonton location is to provide additional exhibition space to area artists, market the main museum in Oceanville, NJ and to showcase the museum's permanent collection. For more information, please call (609) 652-8848 or visit www.novesmuseum.org.