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***Asheville Art Museum Announces the 8th Asheville Wine Auction and Gala
Dinner: Asheville Art Museum, Gets Better with Age***
May 12 | Asheville Art Museum | 6:00 Cocktails, 7:30 Dinner, 8:30 Auction

ASHEVILLE, NC — The Asheville Art Museum is delighted to announce the **Eighth Asheville Wine Auction + Gala Dinner: Asheville Art Museum, Gets Better with Age**, to be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Museum**. Guests are invited to join us for an enchanting evening in the Museum's exciting new *Art works PRIMED* space, which will be transformed for this special occasion into an elegant venue for 200 guests. Tickets are **\$125 per person (\$45 tax deductible)** and can be purchased at the Museum's front desk or over the phone at 828.253.3227.

Brunk Auctions will lead the evening's bidding with lots including a diverse selection of highly rated vintages, an entertainment package including tickets to local theater and entertainment venues, a beer package highlighting the areas many local breweries, an incredible spa package, various luxury travel packages and a unique downtown shopping package.

Guests will also enjoy fine dining and an excellent selection of wine during this memorable black-tie affair. The Museum's previous Wine Galas have been exceptional successes, bringing together arts patrons for an enchanting evening, **while generating critical support for the Museum's dynamic exhibitions and educational programs for audiences of all ages.**

The **Eighth Asheville Wine Auction & Gala Dinner** is supported by the following generous sponsors:

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For more information about this event and to purchase tickets, please contact Kathryn Hamilton, Membership and Events Coordinator at 828.253.3227, ext. 123.

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The Asheville Art Museum is the only nonprofit visual arts museum serving the 24 counties of Western North Carolina. Incorporated by artists in 1948, the Museum collects, preserves and interprets American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with a focus on work of significance to the Southeast.

Centrally located in downtown Asheville on Pack Square, the Museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Special docent-guided tour packages are available for groups and students.

Admission to the Museum is \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors, students with ID and for children 4-15 (children age three and younger are admitted free). Members are admitted free to the Museum.

The Asheville Art Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and receives general operating support from businesses, foundations and individuals, as well as from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of North Carolina, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Additional support is provided by the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

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