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**Benefit Auction Set for Saturday, October 24, 2009  
Over 150 Photographs, Contemporary and Vintage, to be Sold**

**BOSTON** – Once again, The Photographic Resource Center at Boston University presents its annual **PRC Benefit Auction**. This thrilling and elegant event will be held at Boston University's 808 Gallery (808 Commonwealth Ave., Boston), providing the community with access to the work of both elite and emerging photographers. Proceeds benefit the PRC, an independent non-profit organization that serves as New England's center for photography.

Members of the public can bid on the museum-caliber photographs with estimated values ranging from \$200 – \$10,000. Prints from contemporary photographers, and dozens of donated vintage prints, will supply the PRC with over 150 photographs to auction off during the live and silent auctions. Among the highlights are works by such notable photographers as Elijah Gowin, Kenro Izu, Mona Kuhn, Arthur Leipzig, David Levinthal, Gordon Parks, Richard Renaldi, Alessandra Sanguinetti, Aaron Siskind, Minor White, and William Wegman. Stuart Whitehurst, Vice President and Director of Rare Books & Manuscripts of Skinner Inc., will return as the event auctioneer.

All auction artwork will also be featured on the PRC's Web site ([prcboston.org/auction.htm](http://prcboston.org/auction.htm)) as well as in a printed catalogue, which will be available during the preview exhibitions. Accounting for a majority of the PRC's operating income, and given the current limited funding climate for cultural organizations, the auction is the PRC's most important fundraising event of the year and is expected to gross more than \$100,000.

For more details, including auction tickets which go on sale in August, visit [prcboston.org](http://prcboston.org) or call 617.975.0600.

**ABOUT THE PRC:** Founded in 1976, the PRC is an independent non-profit organization located on the campus of Boston University. Consistently cited by the press as an important voice in photography, the PRC provides its members and the public with thought-provoking exhibitions, distinctive education programs, wide-ranging resources, and unique special events. In addition to its members and numerous patrons, the Photographic Resource Center is supported in part by Boston University and funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**AUCTION SPONSORS:** The 2009 PRC Benefit Auction is supported by participating artists, galleries, and individuals as well as Boston University and numerous companies. The PRC would like to gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors. Please note that sponsorship opportunities are still available. **Media Sponsor:** WBUR; **Platinum Level:** Plymouth Assurance, DS Graphics, and Cole Creative. **Silver Level:** East Meets West Catering, Frame It Waban, and Stanhope Framers. This is valid as of 7/16, **a full list of sponsors will be posted online at [prcboston.org/auction.htm](http://prcboston.org/auction.htm).**

**Press Images available upon request.**

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**LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW EXHIBITION**

**September 18 -  
October 18, 2009**  
at the PRC  
**Free to the public.**

**SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW EXHIBITION**

**October 9 -  
October 18, 2009**  
At the 808 Gallery  
**Free to the public.**

**PREVIEW EXHIBITIONS RECEPTION**

**Thursday,  
October 8, 2009**  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
at the PRC & 808 Gallery  
**Free to the public.**

**BENEFIT AUCTION**

**Saturday,  
October 24, 2009**  
Reception: 5:30 pm  
Auction: 7:00pm

**AUCTION ADMISSION**

- \$50 Individual Ticket Price  
- \$40 PRC Member Ticket Price  
- **\$175 for 4 Tickets** (\$200 Value)

Includes catalogue, one paddle, light buffet by *East Meets West*, refreshments, and parking with advanced reservations. Call 617.975.0600.