



Art Sale and Auction to Benefit Blue Ocean Institute

Cold Spring Harbor, NY. July 26, 2005

Nancy Solomon of Atlanta's Solomon Projects gallery is pleased to host an exciting event at the gallery to benefit Blue Ocean Institute's ocean conservation projects. It will take place September 17th from 6 to 9 pm, with preview of all works from Tuesday, September 13th to Saturday, September 17th.

The benefit will comprise over 55 ocean-themed paintings by well-known and emerging artists from Atlanta and New York. Each artwork will be available for a \$200 benefit ticket. In addition, approximately 30 works of art will be for sale by silent auction. The sale will begin at 6 pm on Saturday the 17th, and the \$200 paintings will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. The silent auction will close promptly at 9 pm that evening, with works sold to the highest bidders.

Advance benefit tickets will be for sale during preview week, with a limit of 3 tickets per person. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the 17th. Hors d'oeuvres will be generously donated by Woodfire Grill.

Blue Ocean Institute is an international nonprofit conservation organization founded in 2002 by marine biologists and authors, Carl Safina and M erc edes Lee. Carl is author of the popular and widely read books, *Song for the Blue Ocean* and *Eye of the Albatross*, and is currently working on a third book about his travels with sea turtles.

Blue Ocean's philosophy stands out in the doom-and-gloom environmental world. By promoting positive conservation solutions that engage and inspire people to care for the seas, they are setting a new tone for ocean conservation. They provide reliable scientific information about the rapidly declining populations of fish, sea turtles and seabirds worldwide and positive ideas that enlighten personal choices, instill hope, and really work toward restoring abundance to the oceans. Please check out their website at www.blueocean.org for more information on their suite of conservation programs.

Nancy Solomon is owner and director of Solomon Projects, now in its 11th year in Atlanta. Having worked in galleries in New York and London, Nancy brings a highly sophisticated and international element to her program. Her interest in social and environmental issues makes her gallery the perfect venue for this event.

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List of artists (*Atlanta artists*)

\$200 Benefit Ticket:

Beth Antonsen
Andrea Belag
Darla Bjork
Nancy Bowen
Helene Brandt
Michael Brennan
Tom Butter
Tim Casey
Margaret Cogswell
Nancy Cohen
Don Cooper
Terri Dilling
Donald Elder
Dale Emmart
Jeff Feld
Nancy Floyd
Julie Gross
Joseph Haske
Ridley Howard
Scott Ingram
Ron Janowich
Niki Ketchman
Grace Knowlton
Ellen Kozak
Ann Ledy
Ellen K. Levy
Elizabeth Lide
Roger Loft
David Lowe
David Mann
Lorrie Mann
Ruth Marten
Vivian Massry
Janice Mehlman
Ron Mehlman
Melissa Meyer
Jane Moffitt
John Monti
Donna Moran
Carolanna Parlato
Don Porcaro
Ray Rapp
Babs Reingold
Beth Reisman
Jennifer Riley
Rachel Selekman
Fran Siegel
Deanna Sirlin
Lisa Tuttle
Leslie Wagner
Grace Wapner
Wendy White

Silent Auction:

Nancy Azara
Peter Bahouth
Radcliffe Bailey
Lillian Ball
Peggy Bates
Karen Rich Beall
Beth Brideau
Anne Gabriele
Annette Gates
Lucy Hogg
E.K. Huckaby
Miriam Karp
Noreen Leddy
Robert Longo
Pam Longobardi
Tom Mann
Donna Mintz
Elizabeth O'Reilly
Bruce Pearson
Joseph Peragine
Teresa Bramlette Reeves
Hope Sandrow
Katia Santibanez
Hester Simpson
Mary Beth Thielhelm
Merrill Wagner
Joe Walters
Anna Watson
Leslie Wayne
Angela West
Ray Charles White
Nancy White

