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**Celebrate Arts and Culture at the Montclair Art Museum's
GALA OF THE ARTS**

Saturday, April 11

MONTCLAIR, NJ, March 5, 2015—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) invites you to a celebration of arts and culture, the **Gala of the Arts**, on Saturday, April 11. MAM galas draw a demographically diverse audience from the tri-state region including patrons of the arts, civic leaders, and generous members of the business community in support of the Museum. Last year, the Museum marked its 100th anniversary with the **Centennial Ball** celebrating its history of service to the community. As the Museum enters its second century, the Gala of the Arts looks forward by collaborating with artists of today.

MAM will highlight the work of contemporary artists and celebrate their contribution to the community with a cocktail reception and seated dinner. Art will be integrated throughout the evening including artist-designed table installations and art happenings highlighting the rich diversity of artistic creation. Participating artists to date include **Mona Brady, Gwen Charles, Willie Cole, Linda Ippolito, Diane Israel, Joyce Korotkin, Jennifer Levine, Susan Marx, Tom Nussbaum, Janet Taylor Pickett, Claire Rosen, Bill Westheimer, and Lisa Westheimer.**

The event is co-hosted by Margo & Frank Walter, Ann & Mel Schaffer, Lisa & Joe Amato, and Tracy Higgins & Jim Leitner. The gala committee includes Sylvia Cohn, Holly English, Lynn Glasser, Wendy Lacey, Joanne Langbein, Fritzi Mills, Roz Murphy, Claudia Placentra, Lyn Reiter, and Tesie Tores.

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The cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$500 and can be purchased online at montclairartmuseum.org. For more information, contact Lauren Drew at ldrew@montclairartmuseum.org. All proceeds support exhibitions and educational programs at the Montclair Art Museum.

About the Museum

The Montclair Art Museum, a notable, community-based institution with an international reputation, boasts a renowned collection of American and Native American art that uniquely highlights art making in the United States over the last three hundred years. The collection includes more than 12,000 objects: paintings, prints, original works on paper, photographs, and sculpture by American artists from the 18th century to the present, as well as traditional and contemporary Native American art and artifacts representing the cultural developments of peoples from all of the major American Indian regions. The Museum's education programs serve a wide public and bring artists, performers, and scholars to the Museum on a regular basis.

MAM's Yard School of Art is the leading regional art school, offering a multitude of comprehensive courses for children, teens, adults, seniors, and professional artists. The Yard School was recently recognized in the Discover Jersey Arts People's Choice Awards 2012 as the Favorite Place to Take a Kid's and Adult Art Class.

The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair, N.J. Information and directions are available on the Museum website, montclairartmuseum.org, or by calling 973-746-5555. MAM is open Wednesdays through Sundays, Noon – 5 p.m., and on the first Thursday night of the month (October–June), from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Museum admission is \$12 for nonmember adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students with I.D., and free for members and children under 12. Free First Thursday Nights and Free First Fridays are free for everyone. The Store at MAM is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and has extended hours until 9 p.m. on Free First Thursday Nights.

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