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CAPO 28 Early Bird Tickets Available 2011 CAPO Gala Auction and Artists Awards Ceremony

The Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) 2011 gala auction takes place on Saturday, the 26th of November from 6.45pm to 10.30pm at the National Archives of Australia. CAPO is offering an early bird price of \$95 for tickets before the 10th of November.

The National Archives of Australia will open its doors at 6.45pm to CAPO 28 guests with an exciting entertainment program planned around the awards ceremony and live auction featuring music by *Frequently Asked Questions* and performances by Omar Musa and *The Grifyn Ensemble*. Tickets include a selection of gourmet food and drinks throughout the evening.

CAPO President, Neil Doody says "This event is a celebration of arts patronage and support for our ACT artists. CAPO is proud to have raised over 1.7 million dollars since it was established in 1983. On the 26th of November, we look forward to raising more for our artists' awards and fellowships and to announcing this year's winners of ten awards including the CAPO fellowship."

Only ticket holders can bid in the auction. Tickets can be purchased online at www.capo.org.au where the auction catalogue will be available.

Works on auction include multimedia, photography, painting, printmaking, drawing, jewellery, lighting, sculpture, textiles, ceramics and glass. Over 70 artists have donated works this year including Robert Boynes and Patsy Payne, Hamilton Darroch, Anna Eggert, Cinnamon Lee, Mike Parr, Ruth Waller and Michael LeGrand, to name a few.

As CAPO Patron, His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE said at the launch of CAPO 28, "This is the occasion where emerging artists can emerge, where new artists can develop, and where established artists can surprise us once more". Mr Bryce and sponsors will announce the winners.

With support from partner sponsor, National Archives of Australia, the CAPO exhibition is open to the public for a week preceding the CAPO auction. Visitors can view the exhibition at their leisure and identify their favourite pieces prior to the auction from Friday, the 18th of November.

For those interested in learning more about investing in art and hearing from some of the exhibiting artists, a series of Floor Talks organised by CAPO is running alternately in lunch time slots and in early evening spots throughout from the 18 – 25 November at the National Archives of Australia. This series and the exhibition are free and open to the public.

CAPO is a non-profit organisation and all proceeds are directed to the local arts community through grants and fellowships. CAPO is generously supported by donations from Canberra's artists and leading businesses.

Interviews and images are available

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