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## **PRC 2011 Benefit Auction—Saturday, October 15, 2011 Over 140 Photographs—Contemporary and Vintage—to be Sold**

**BOSTON** – The Photographic Resource Center (PRC) at Boston University proudly presents its annual Benefit Auction. Held at Boston University’s 808 Gallery (located at 808 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston), the Benefit Auction provides the community with access to work by elite and emerging photographers. This elegant event is an exciting opportunity for the photographic, artistic, and philanthropic communities to celebrate the PRC so it can continue its mission of fostering and promoting fine art and creative photography in New England through a variety of programs and exhibitions. Proceeds directly benefit the PRC, an independent nonprofit organization that expands our understanding of the human experience through its continued stewardship of the photographic arts.

Patrons are invited to bid on museum-quality photographs with estimated values ranging from \$200 – \$6,000. The live and silent auctions will consist of prints from contemporary photographers and donated vintage prints, creating a total of 140 unique images. This year’s selections demonstrate a true diversity in photographic practice. The line up includes such notable photographers as Jim Dow, Constantine Manos, Sally Mann, Emmet Gowin, Arno Minkinen, Abelardo Morell, Arthur Leipzig, Susan Meiselas, Marie Cosindas, and William Wegman.

All auction artwork is featured on the PRC’s website ([prcboston.org/auction](http://prcboston.org/auction)) as well as in a printed catalog, which will be available during the preview exhibition and at the door the night of the event. Patrons are encouraged to check out the complete list of included works and peruse images of each piece. The success of the PRC 2011 Benefit Auction will ensure that the organization can provide another year of innovative programming to photographers and photography enthusiasts through lectures, workshops, exhibitions, reviews, and publications.

The live auction event begins at 5:30 pm with the bidding starting at 7:00 pm sharp. Tickets to the live auction are \$100, available for purchase online or at the door. The silent auction event begins at 8:15 pm. Tickets to the silent auction are \$25 for PRC members and \$35 for the general public, available for purchase online or at the door. Stuart Whitehurst, *Vice President and Director of Rare Books & Manuscripts of Skinner Inc.*, will return as the event auctioneer.



While the PRC's mission focuses on photography, we want our members and supporters to know that we embrace and celebrate all the arts. The work of two recent graduates in fashion design from the Massachusetts College of Art + Design, Gillian Wright and Nataliya Yermolenko, will be featured during the live and silent auctions. In addition to stellar photography, the auction will also feature work from TRIIBE's exhibition *In Search of Eden, A Work in Progress*. TRIIBE's 10 x 14 foot triptychs play with religious and advertising imagery, revisiting the biblical creation story, the notion of temptation, and the eternal quest for Eden (displayed courtesy of the artists and Gallery Kayafas). We hope our patrons will help us in honoring Boston's vibrant artistic community.

For more details about the PRC 2011 Benefit Auction, please go to [www.prcboston.org/auction](http://www.prcboston.org/auction) or call the PRC at 617-975-0600.

#### **RELATED EVENTS:**

##### **Auction Preview Exhibition**

October 7 – October 14, 2011

808 Gallery at Boston University

*The preview exhibition is free and open to the public.*

**Friday, October 7** 11am - 6pm

**Saturday, October 8** 1pm - 5pm

**Sunday, October 9** 1pm - 5pm

**Monday, October 10** Closed

**Tuesday, October 11** 11am - 6pm

**Wednesday, October 12** 11am - 8pm

**Thursday, October 13** 11am - 4pm

**Friday, October 14** 11am - 6pm

##### **Collecting Workshop**

Vintage and Modern: Collecting Photography with Alice Zimet

*With tour of highlights of the PRC 2011 Benefit Auction by Karen Haas, the Lane Collection*

*Curator of Photographs at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 6:30 – 10:00 pm

808 Gallery, 808 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA

For a description of the workshop and to register, please visit:

<http://www.prcboston.org/workshops.htm>

**ABOUT THE PRC:** Founded in 1976, the Photographic Resource Center (PRC) at Boston University is an independent non-profit organization that serves as a vital forum for the exploration and interpretation of new work, ideas, and methods in photography and related media. The PRC presents exhibitions, fosters education, develops resources, and facilitates community interaction for local, regional, and national audiences. Cited by the Boston Globe as "one-stop shopping for the photo buff," the PRC's gallery hosts several exhibitions each year,



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emphasizing new ideas and trends in contemporary photography. Ranging from provocative theme-based exhibitions, such as *7 Turkish Artists*, to the highly-anticipated juried and student exhibitions, the PRC expands our understanding of the human experience through its stewardship of the photographic arts.

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