15th Annual ARTWALK NY Raises More Than \$700,000

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Skylight Studio was overflowing with art lovers, collectors, socialites, celebrities, and Coalition supporters at the 15th annual ARTWALK NY on Tuesday, November 17th. Honoring artist Pat Steir, a record 800 guests attended to bid on artwork, enjoy tastings from some of New York 's top restaurants, mingle among guests, and support the Coalition's life-saving work.

The event was co-chaired by Alec Baldwin and Carey Lowell, and raised more than \$700,000 to benefit the Coalition's programs and advocacy efforts. The event honored renowned artist and long-time Coalition supporter, Pat Steir, whose art work, *Vibrating Blue and Red Waterfall*, was the highlight of the live auction.

Guests had the opportunity to bid on more than 140 works from their favorite artists in the live and silent auctions, including Steir, Jeff Koons, Ed Ruscha, Spencer Tunick, Jenny Holzer, Cindy Sherman, and Yoko Ono, among many others. Sotheby's Vice President of Business Development, Eliza Osborne, led the enthusiastic live auction, which recorded some of its highest sales in the event's history.

Sponsored by media partner *Time Out New York,* the event also featured food from some of New York 's top restaurants, including Da Silvano, Scuderia, Indochine, and Michael's. Guests sipped on specialty gin cocktails from Bulldog Gin, beer courtesy of Stella Artois, and wine and champagne from Bubble Lounge and South Pacific Wines. Guests also enjoyed décor courtesy of Ron Wendt Design, and music from DJ 3SKI, which kept the crowd energized throughout the evening.

The Coalition is grateful for the generous support of the many sponsors, artists, Benefit Committee and Junior Committee members who helped make the event a tremendous success. Please stay tuned for details on ARTWALK NY 2010!



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