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Animal Art From the Heart

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction & Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Entertainment & Live Auction

8:30 p.m.

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WELCOME

Welcome everyone to Petcasso 2008! We are thrilled to have you join us for our second annual Petcasso – Animal Art From the Heart. It has been so much fun watching this year's wonderful animal artists create their masterpieces to benefit animals in need. The commitment from these families and the many people who have devoted their time and talents to make this evening happen is remarkable, and we are truly grateful to all of them and to all of you for joining us tonight. On behalf of the animals we serve, we thank you again and hope that you enjoy this magical evening!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Missy McCullough" with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Missy McCullough

Executive Director

Animal Trustees of Austin, Inc.



DEBRA DAVIS

Emmy Award winning Producer, Debra Davis has twenty-five years of production experience, specializing in television series, music television, concerts, commercials, industrials, and special events.

Highlights include:

- Disney Channel – “As The Bell Rings”, now in its second season
- Dave Matthews At West Point for the AT&T Blue Room
- Austin City Limits Music Festival – Video producer
- A&E – “Rollergirls”, 13 episodes

Other credits include: NBC’s Olympics (for which she won an Emmy), Tony Awards, NBA Championship Half-time, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Soap Opera Update Awards, International Emmy Awards, Montreal Comedy Festival, Fords Theater Festive, Monte Carlo Circus Festival, and Prodigy Live (300+ live commercials broadcast on nine networks). Additionally, she has produced or directed numerous commercials, PSA’s, special events and industrials. Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Texas State. A native Texan, she lived in New York City for almost two decades with a year spent in Singapore facilitating the creation of MTV-Asia. Currently, she lives in Austin with her five dogs and one cat.



TITLE *Princess Charming*

ARTIST Princess

GUARDIAN Marilyn Blewett



True to her name, Princess rules her domain with grace and charm. Seventeen-years-young, Princess is a certified therapy dog who, when not painting, spends several hours each week visiting nursing homes spreading joy. Her favorite thing to do is dress to impress and she has a wardrobe that most women would envy - including a UT cheerleader uniform. Between her therapy visits and running errands with her guardian, Princess was able to find time in her busy schedule to create her Petcasso masterpiece. Now, who wouldn’t want an original painting created by a princess?

TITLE *What a Deaf Dog Sees*

ARTISTS Sophie, Chloe, Jack and Mary Hunter

GUARDIANS Stephanie Hunter & Michael Breen



Three is a charm.... this painting was created by two-year-old Blue Heeler, Sophie, and her two Jack Russell buddies eight-year old Chloe and 11-year-old Jack. The name of this painting was inspired by the fact that both Sophie and Chloe are deaf. They were rescued when they were puppies. Sophie was tied up to a neighbor’s car with a broken leg, Jack was rescued at the Bastrop Wal-mart, and Chloe was dumped by a breeder because she was deaf. Their painting was created with the aid of some treats and toys. When not painting, Sophie would rather play fetch, Jack wants to go to his grandparent’s house in Rockport and go for a boat ride, and Chloe just wants to sleep. Stephanie says these pups are her daily companions who give unconditional love and remind her to laugh everyday at what fun it is to watch two deaf dogs bark at each other.

TITLE *Lucy the Dogfish*
ARTISTS Holly and Winky
GUARDIANS Rick & Melissa Bluntzer



To prepare for painting their masterpiece, Holly, a 5-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Winky, a 3-year-old Lhasa Apso had a big breakfast and a mid-morning snack. Holly was a rock star when it came to painting because treats and snacks were involved. She will do anything for food including getting completely covered in paint. On the other hand, Winky preferred to have Holly do all the work. Holly's favorite thing is eating breakfast, lunch and dinner...followed closely by trying to talk anyone into giving her food. Winky sticks close to Holly when she's in the kitchen because he knows if she manages to get food so will he. When not eating, Winky likes to nap and play with his toys. Holly enjoys going on walks and meeting and greeting new people (she has never met a stranger). Melissa says, "They bring more joy, love and humor into our lives then we could possibly ever give back to them". Their buddy and neighbor, a chocolate lab named Lucy inspired the name of their painting.

TITLE *Paws for Reflection*
ARTIST Baldwin
GUARDIAN Jamie Barshop



Baldwin is a Maltese / Pomeranian mix who thinks he is a lab. He loves to play, play, play with his stuffed pink flamingo, which he calls Mimi. He is a very active dog who loves to swim, hike, and play in the snow at his second home in Colorado. He is a real cuddler and is known as a bed hog. He is a very happy boy who is always smiling and loves everyone. Prior to creating his painting he cleared his head with a long walk. Jamie says he makes others smile and forget their problems and he makes her laugh every day. Jamie and Baldwin were joined by a cyber connection, as they were united while Jamie was looking for a rescue dog on the internet. They have been together for three years, which Jamie calls the best three years of her life.

TITLE *Ménage à Trois*
ARTIST Cool Chick, Marley & Meme Gordon
GUARDIAN Liz Gordon



This painting gives new meaning to the expression "chicken scratch". A chicken lent her feet to help fellow artist Meme, a 16-year-old Potbellied Pig, and 14-year-old Marley, an African Pygmy goat. Meme loves belly and bum rubs and eating. Marley likes to dance and head butt, and they both love to sunbathe and sleep in the sun. Their favorite foods are strawberries, gummy bears, and popcorn. To prepare for painting their masterpiece they had the wood shavings brushed from their fur. They loved their painting experience because of all the attention, companionship and most of all - the seed snack trail on the canvas.

TITLE *Co-Exist*
ARTIST Fritz and Karie Cole
GUARDIANS Karie and Scott Cole



Fritz is also known as The Fritter, P. Fiddy and Fuzzy Winks. This 9-year-old Pomeranian was adopted from an animal shelter as a pup. Fritz's guardians says that he came into their lives at a time they needed him and he needed them, so it was a true match made in heaven. He is famous for intensely guarding the perimeter of his home from the evil bloodthirsty deer that threaten his family on a daily basis. In his off time he likes to lounge by the pool. When not painting, he likes to snack on bacon and ice cream and sleep on his guardian's pillow.

TITLE *Paw Posies*

ARTIST Mac

GUARDIANS Margaret & Frank Krasovec



Four-year-old Mac is known as the mayor of Barking Hound Village where he goes for doggy day care. We believe Mac is part Norfolk terrier, part Lhasa Apso, part human, and was rescued from San Mateo California Animal Shelter. His guardians describe him as the most handsome, adorable, loving, happy boy they know. Mac's favorite things are playing fetch, "hide the ball" with his Dad, and cuddling with Mom in the mornings. He loves to play with his buddies and friends at Barking Hound Village and loves to go on walks in 'the hood' meeting and greeting anyone who crosses his path. To prepare for creating his painting, the ladies at West End Grooming made sure that his hair was particularly curly and that he had a fresh pedicure.

TITLE *Jessie's Folly*

ARTIST Jessie Rose

GUARDIAN Missy McCullough



Jessie Rose is an 11-year-old Pomeranian who took her painting inspiration from nature. She did her painting during the Christmas holidays, and was inspired by the season of giving. She hopes you will also be inspired to give to her favorite charity, the Animal Trustees of Austin. Jessie Rose chose to use a sky blue background with white snowflakes as her theme. When not being an artist, Jessie is busy being the official Public Relations Director and greeter at ATA. Jessie is a happy girl now, but she started her life living in a cruel, over-crowded puppy mill. Jessie was rescued by ATA along with 51 other dogs that had been living in extreme heat, without sufficient food and water. Jessie's passion is to be wherever her guardian goes, especially speaking engagements that help spread the word about the importance of spay and neuter and responsible pet ownership.

TITLE *Wild Ass Lip Service*

ARTIST Opal, Hodie and Linda

Dumont **GUARDIAN** Kim Koenig

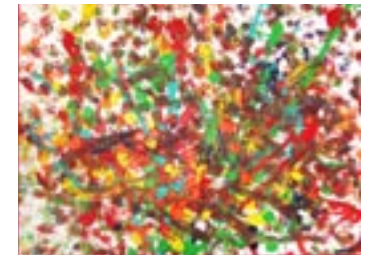


Five years ago, a friend of Kim's rescued Opal, a standard donkey, and Hoadie, a miniature donkey. Kim wanted to keep them together because Hoadie and Opal have been together for many years and are deeply bonded. Kim says they are friendly and entertaining. Opal is a twenty-year-old and Hoadie is an eighteen-year-old and Opal outweighs Hoadie by 350 lbs, but size and weight don't seem to make a difference to Hoadie, who thinks he is the boss. Their favorite activities are rolling in dirt, roaming the Hill Country, and eating carrots, watermelon, pasture grass, and sweet grain. To prepare for their painting they had their hair done and hooves moisturized. They split the work with Opal doing the lip part and Hoadie doing the rear part of the painting. They liked the painting experience because they got to eat carrots and grain and they got lots of attention from people.

TITLE *Paw-Llock*

ARTIST Tucker, Ricky, Otis, Romeo,

& Tidbit **GUARDIANS** Gilbert Johnson & Tino Ramirez



The artist colony of Tidbit, Tucker, Ricky, Otis, and Romeo created Paw-Llock. Tidbit is an adorable 7-year-old Miniature Dachshund, who loves her beauty sleep. She was just a "Tidbit" of a dog when adopted at 10 weeks old. Tucker, an eight-year-old Dachshund, is strong yet sensitive as he guards the house. He was washed ashore after escaping from a puppy mill and swimming across the San Bernard River. His rescuers saw how tuckered out he was...hence the name "Tucker". Three-year-old miniature Schnauzer, Romeo (a.k.a. the dog of love) is a Hurricane Katrina rescue. He likes sitting outside, relaxing, and looking for wildlife.

Ricky, a.k.a. "Tricky Ricky" is a young-looking 13-year-old Chihuahua, and an ATA rescue dog. He enjoys wrestling with Tidbit and curling up in a basket of clean clothes. The newest member of the pack is Otis, a one-year-old Miniature Pincher. She got her name from trying to jump to the next floor like an "Otis" elevator. She loves jumping, running and barking. Otis was rescued after days of roaming the streets around Rice University. Her approach to painting was to just jump in with all fours.



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SILENT AUCTION RULES

- The silent auction is a vital part of this evening's entertainment and fundraising effort. Much of the event proceeds are generated here. You are sure to find an array of interesting and unique things to bid on for yourself or that special animal or person in your life.
- Please legibly print your name and amount of your bid on the bidding sheet that is displayed near the item. Each new bid must be written below the previous bid amount on the bid sheet.
- The silent auction will close at 7:00 p.m. No bids can be written on bid sheets after the closing time is announced. At closing time, the auction volunteers will circle the winning bid and the bid sheets will be collected. In the event of a dispute, the Silent Auction Committee shall have the sole and final decision in determining the winning bid. While you are enjoying the live auction, volunteers will collect your items and have them ready for you when you check out.
- The cashier stations will open immediately following the live auction. Cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted.
- Auction purchases can be picked up from the auction tables after payment has been made. Auction volunteers will verify payment at time of pick-up. Please show your bid sheet receipts provided by the cashier to the auction volunteers.
- Please remember, the purpose of the silent auction is to raise funds for Animal Trustees of Austin. The higher you bid means more money to help the animals.
- Have fun, and thank you for participating!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The Auction Committee has made every effort to describe items accurately. Be sure to check any restrictions, limitations, and expiration dates before bidding on an item. It is recommended on those items requiring mutual coordination with donors that you contact them as soon as possible.
- All sales are final. Merchandise is sold on an "as is" basis, and there will be no refunds or exchanges on items. Neither the donor nor Animal Trustees of Austin can provide servicing or guarantee items. The auction committee reserves the right to withdraw any donated item prior to the auction closing.
- The stated value of auction goods and services has been provided by some donors for tax purposes. The amount of the contribution that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of any money contributed by the purchaser over the value of goods and services provided.

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The mission of the Animal Trustees of Austin, Inc. is to promote and ensure humane treatment, compassion, and respect for animals by:

- Providing quality and affordable sterilization surgery to prevent the birth of unwanted dogs and cats
- Providing affordable wellness care to preserve the health of dogs and cats
- Responsibly rescuing, fostering, and re-homing homeless dogs and cats in our community
- Advocating for animal care and protection through public awareness, education, and legislation
- Promoting and supporting responsible animal guardianship

ABOUT ATA

Ten dedicated women determined to help lost, abused, and abandoned animals in Austin and surrounding counties founded the Animal Trustees of Austin in 1993.

Fifteen years later, ATA continues to grow, with a devoted staff and a wonderful group of volunteers from all walks of life who contribute widely varied skills, but who are united by one common interest... the welfare of the animals.

Surgical sterilization is an immediate and humane solution to overpopulation, and Animal Trustees is committed to making low cost sterilization surgery available to every dog or cat in need. Our successful Spay/Neuter Clinic has sterilized just over 72,000 dogs and cats to date. For more information about our Spay/Neuter Clinic, call 512.450.0111.

Our Wellness Clinic opened in 2002, and sees between 65 to 75 patients per day for low-cost vaccinations, testing, and heartworm preventative. For more information about our Wellness Clinic, call 512.451.9355.

Life-saving ATA programs include *For People and Animals Without Shelter* (4PAWS), which provides free sterilization services, vaccinations, and veterinary services to the pets of homeless citizens of Central Texas; the Recovering Hearts program, providing low-cost treatment for heartworm disease to over 400 dogs annually; and Dr. Kirk Lewis performs over 400 surgeries on animals with life-threatening injuries through the Saving Animal Lives (SAL) program. *The Emergency Care Fund* was created to help the large number of animals in crisis coming to ATA for help.

While our focus at ATA has changed from rescue to veterinary medicine we continue to provide care for the cats and dogs that are still in our program looking for just the right home.