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ArtCAN ... Find a Cure
JCM Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research Hosts Benefit Art Auction

WSB-TV News Anchor Carol Sbarghe Co-Chairs Event and Serves as Guest Speaker

Atlanta (July 14, 2011) – Pancreatic Cancer is the deadliest of all cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths. The fight to find a cure and early detection for pancreatic cancer continues. In order to draw awareness to the disease, the Joseph C. Monastra Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research (JCM Foundation) will host its first art benefit ArtCAN, featuring works from acclaimed artists who are cancer survivors or who have had their lives affected by cancer. As with all funds raised by the JCM Foundation, money raised during ArtCAN will go directly to support pancreatic cancer research at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions (JHMI).

WHAT: ArtCAN, the Joseph C. Monastra Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research fundraiser, is an evening of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and fine art, which will raise money and awareness for pancreatic cancer, the “silent killer.” The evening will feature a curated silent auction of works created by artists whose lives have been affected by cancer as survivors or as a result of a loved one’s journey with the disease.

The evening’s keynote speaker will be **Dr. Christine-Iacobuzio Donahue**, Associate Professor of Pathology & Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, and WSB-TV News Anchor **Carol Sbarghe** will be the Guest Speaker. Drawing works from artists throughout the world, the curatorial panel includes leaders in the Atlanta art community **Marianne Lambert, Jerry Cullum, Timothy Tew** and **Kevin Sipp**. **Carol Sbarghe** and **JCM founder Pamela Monastra** will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. For more information on ArtCAN, visit: www.jcm-ArtCAN.org, call 404-391-2169 or email SupportTheCause@jcm-ArtCAN.org.

WHEN: Saturday, November 5, 2011, 6-10 p.m.

WHERE: Bill Lowe Gallery
1555 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

TICKETS: \$75
Host and Patron Levels \$150 to \$500
Corporate Sponsorships Available
Available www.jcm-ArtCAN.org

WHO: Participating artists will be announced soon!

The Joseph C. Monastra Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research

Established in 2002 in honor of the father and husband who passed away only four weeks after being diagnosed, the Joseph C. Monastra Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research supports the leading pancreatic cancer research at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions (JHMI). Recently, two JHMI scientists

were selected for the cancer dream team, which will conduct research in the new field of epigenetics and its relationship to pancreatic cancer. The cancer research team at JHMI has also won a 2010 INNOVATOR Award from the American Association for Cancer Research, a PanCan & American Assoc. for Cancer Research Award Grant and two grants from the Lustgarten Foundation. The JCM Foundation was created to make a difference for pancreatic cancer research and raise awareness for the need for increased research funding. The JCM Foundation currently funds research with a tri-fold focus on learning how pancreatic cancer spreads, identifying and studying the genes that cause pancreatic cancer and studying a novel drug for treatment of the disease. Since its inception, JCM Foundation has raised nearly half a million dollars. For more information on JCM, visit: www.jcmfoundation.org, call 404-391-2169 or email info@jcmfoundation.org.

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