

MYSTICARTSCENTER

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The Mystic Arts Center Event is Off the Wall

MYSTIC, CT – July 2, 2009 – On *Friday, July 24*, all eyes will be on the Mystic Arts Centers' transformed galleries as community members eat, drink and merrily bid on original artwork, cocktail cruises, and trips to places as near as Nantucket and far away as the Galapagos at the **Off the Wall** summer gala.

Though the Mystic Arts Center is often the venue for fundraising events for other community organizations, *Off the Wall* is **the only auction event supporting the Mystic Arts Center and its programs.**

The event begins at 7 pm. Attendees may socialize in the galleries or on the patio, enjoy music at the after-party, and participate in a live auction led by esteemed Christie's auctioneer Stephen Lash, which will include a 9-day voyage for two aboard the Lindblad/National Geographic *Endeavor*, golfing on Fishers Island, and a week in Nantucket.

The silent auction will feature nearly one hundred pieces of original artwork by MAC elected artists, jewelry, clothing and gift certificates to the best local restaurants and stores.

All proceeds from the event go towards the Mystic Arts Center's cultural and artistic programs, including poetry readings, musical performances, and films, as well as fifteen annual exhibitions and the educational outreach program reaching over 2,000 students each year in local schools.

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Leading up to the event, raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 to win Gil Fahey's whimsical oil painting *Tic Tac Toe* or a weekend getaway for two to Long Island wine country. The raffle will be drawn at 8:50 pm at *Off the Wall*, and winners need not be present at the event.

For Off the Wall tickets, call (860) 536-7601x204, or purchase them online at www.mysticarts.org. Tickets are \$65 for MAC members and \$75 for non-members, and early bird discounts apply through July 17. Auction items can be viewed at www.mysticarts.org.

The Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community, and is located at 9 Water Street in historic downtown Mystic. The galleries are open daily from 11 am – 5 pm. For further information, please call 860-536-7601x204 or visit www.mysticarts.org.

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