

# ADAA Announces 50 ARTISTS FOR 50 STATES at San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Art Dealers Association of America Reveals Names of Top Artists  
Pledging Works in Support of the Artist Museum Partnership Act

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 13, 2010**—At a lively event at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the **Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA)** announced the names of renowned artists from across the United States who have offered their support of the **Artist Museum Partnership Act** by pledging works of art to be donated to cultural institutions throughout the United States upon the passage of the legislation.

These pledges are part of ADAA's **50 Artists for 50 States** initiative, a national effort to encourage the passage of the **Artist Museum Partnership Act**, offered in the Senate as, S. 405, by Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Robert Bennett (R-UT), and in the house as H.R. 1126, by Reps. John Lewis (D-GA) and Todd Platts (R-PA), a bi-partisan bill to address the inequity artists face when donating their works to public institutions.

**50 Artists for 50 States** has brought together all sectors of the cultural and political community in a national effort to encourage the passage of the **Artist Museum Partnership Act**. Thus far the artists include: Artist Committee Chair **Christopher Wool, Vito Acconci, John Baldassari, Louise Bourgeois, Vija Celmins, Chuck Close, Eric Fischl, Roni Horn, Robert Irwin, Jasper Johns, Mike Kelley, Ellsworth Kelly, Sherrie Levine, Bruce Nauman, Claes Oldenburg, Richard Prince, James Rosenquist, Ed Ruscha, Richard Serra, Joel Shapiro, Frank Stella, Lawrence Weiner, and Terry Winters.**

Chair of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Board of Trustees, **Charles R. Schwab**; artist **John Baldassari**; **Neal Benezra**, Director, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; **Roland Augustine**, Chair, ADAA 50 Artists for 50 States Committee; and **Robert L. Lynch**, President & CEO, Americans for the Arts all offered inspiring words in support of the legislation and its impact on artists around the country. Mr. Schwab also read an impassioned letter by actor and director **Robert Redford** in support of the legislation.

## THE ARTIST MUSEUM PARTNERSHIP ACT

The **Artist Museum Partnership Act** is a bi-partisan effort that addresses the inequity artists face when donating their works to public institutions. Unlike collectors and arts patrons—who receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of artworks they donate—artists receive a deduction only for the cost of materials used to create the work, for example canvas and paint. The current law is unfair to artists, hurts museums and libraries around the country, and results in fewer donations of American art.

## 50 ARTISTS FOR 50 STATES INITIATIVE

The Association has coordinated pledges by some of the country's leading artists for donation to a museum in each of the 50 states, on the occasion of the passage of the **Artist Museum Partnership Act**. The artists' pledges will illustrate the profound impact the passage of this bill will have on communities by bringing American art to institutions throughout the country. Working with its Nation Committee, the 50 Artists for 50 States initiative has hosted events around the country, bringing together artists, museums, art dealers, collectors and museum goers, to create awareness about this crucial legislation.

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**50 Artists for 50 States**  
An ADAA Initiative



### National Committee

Steve and Ann Ames  
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Richard Cooper  
Beth Rudin DeWoody  
Joel and Zoe Dictrow  
Frances Dittmer  
Stefan Edlis and Gael Neeson  
Mandy and Cliff Einstein  
Carla Emil and Rich Silverstein  
Robert and Esta Epstein  
Don and Doris Fisher  
Glenn Fuhrman  
Jack and Sandra Guthman  
Diane and Bruce Halle  
Marieluise Hessel and Ed Artzt  
Marguerite Steed Hoffman  
Audrey Irmas  
Don Kaul and Barbara Bluhm-Kaul  
Jill and Peter Kraus  
Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis  
Leonard Lauder  
Ray Leary and Melva Bucksbaum  
Jennifer and Marc Lipschultz  
Robert L. Lynch  
Bob and Nancy Magoon  
Lisa and John Miller  
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Howard and Cindy Rachofsky  
Anita and Burt Reiner  
Mortimer and Jacqueline Sackler  
Joan and Michael Salke  
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