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ART NIGHT 2009 SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS AND WASHINGTON PROJECT FOR THE ARTS Thursday, October 22

Washington, DC (10/23/2009) Patronized by over 650 of Washington's most well-connected art patrons and buyers, Hickok Cole Architects' **Art Night 2009**, now in its tenth year, generated more than **\$60,000** in artwork sales, with post event sales expected to reach our goal of **\$90,000**.

Each year Hickok Cole Architects teams with **Washington Project for the Arts (WPA)** to put on a juried art show with proceeds going to further WPA's mission of providing essential resources to support the creative spirit and success of regional artists. Specifically, WPA uses Art Night proceeds to produce exhibitions, hold panels and workshops for artists, and support the ArtFile Online, a web-based registry of member artist portfolios used by artists, art advisors, art buyers, curators, critics and educators.

Art Night's Curator, **Brooke Seidelmann**, selected exciting and dynamic works created by local, contemporary artists working in a variety of mediums. This year's featured artists included Heidi Fowler, Laurel Lukaszewski, Hadieh Shafie, Noelle Tan, Colin Winterbottom and many others. In addition, Hickok Cole Architects' employees and their friends and family members go through a juried process to be included in the show. This year 23 artists from this pool exhibited and sold work. All artists receive 50% of the sale price, with the other 50% donated to the WPA, sending 100% of the proceeds back into the Washington, DC art community.

Hickok Cole generated \$40,000 in advance sales by asking friends, colleagues, and clients to invest in the local arts community by becoming Art Angel sponsors. Each Art Angel committed an up front amount of \$2,000 towards the purchase of art at Art Night.

2009 Art Angels include:

- ALKS & Associates
- BELL Architects
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- Cannon Design
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- MRB Films
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- Potomac Wines & Spirits
- Sigal Construction Corporation
- Suffolk Construction Company
- The Tower Companies
- Washington Life Magazine
- Workspaces LLC
- WinSpin, Inc.



Hickok Cole Principals, Michael Hickok, AIA and Yolanda Cole, AIA, IIDA, LEED®AP (Art Angels themselves) commit each year to purchase a new piece of art for the firm at Art Night. Employees vote on their favorites, and at 8:30 pm the piece with the most votes wins. Over the years, the firm has gained a sizable art collection chosen entirely by the staff - reinforcing the firm's **best place to work** mentality.

The exhibit is open to the public by invitation and reserved tours through October 30th. Visitors wishing to see the show and purchase artwork can call 202.667.9776 to schedule a tour.

HICKOK COLE ARCHITECTS, INC is an award-winning Architecture, Housing, Interior Design and Master Planning firm in Washington, DC. It is also one of the most successful architectural firms in the region, experiencing steady growth over a period of twenty years. Led by Principals Michael E. Hickok, AIA and Yolanda Cole, AIA, LEED®AP, the fifty-five person firm specializes in commercial office buildings, multi-family housing and mixed-use projects as well as interior design for corporate, government, institutional, non-profit and law firm clients and has expertise in feasibility studies, land planning and facility planning.