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THAT DAM BOX SHOW Returns to the Detroit Artists Market

August 10-20, 2010



DETROIT —The Detroit Artists Market (DAM) is pleased to present “**That DAM Box Show 2**”. This silent auction show opens bidding on Wednesday, August 10, 2010. DAM will host a public Closing Bids Reception on Friday, August 20, 2010 from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery visitors can meet the artists and will have an opportunity to view and bid on unique artworks created from 16mm film reel shipping boxes. All proceeds from this silent auction will benefit the mission and programs of the Detroit Artists Market.

That DAM Box Show 2 finishes the summer season at the Detroit Artists Market with more than 200 area artists. Wayne State University Library Systems donated the film shipping boxes which were distributed by DAM to local artists. Hundreds of artists took up the challenge to create original artworks in a wide range of medias including paintings, sculptures, photography, and mixed media pieces.

That DAM Box Show 2 carries on a tradition which originated at the Willis Gallery, Detroit’s first avant-garde gallery, which launched the careers of many of the (in)famous Cass Corridor artists. The Willis Gallery hosted the box show for four consecutive years beginning in 1993 until it closed its doors in 1996 after nearly three decades. Reborn at DAM ten years later as That DAM Box Show, it served as a DAM fundraiser alongside a retrospective exhibition celebrating the Willis Gallery, curated by box show creator Matthew Hanna.

To further celebrate **That DAM Box Show 2**, filmmaker Gary Schwartz created an animation short, which can be found on YouTube.com at (search That DAM Box Show 2 or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOh0KEAm00U>). Gary Schwartz is an Academy Award winning filmmaker, animator, director, artist & educator. He teaches intensive hands-on animation workshops throughout the world. With his company, Single Frame

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Films, Gary has produced, designed & directed animation for Disney, Sesame Street, MTV, Fox Television, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and others. He is currently lecturer at the University of Michigan School of Art & Design.

The Detroit Artists Market is a nonprofit organization that has supported emerging and established Detroit-area artists since 1932. With its mission of providing opportunities for local artists to show and sell their work, and at the same time encourage the public to experience and learn about local contemporary art, the Detroit Artist Market is rooted in the history of Detroit art and culture. DAM continues to be a leading community organization promoting contemporary art.

Located at 4719 Woodward Avenue in Detroit (three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and one block north of MOCAD), the Detroit Artists Market is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Exhibitions are free of charge. For more information on DAM and its programs, please call (313) 832-8540, e-mail info@detroitartistsmarket.org or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org.

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