

150 Artists Featured in Textile Museum of Canada's Annual Fundraising Auction

TORONTO – On March 3, 2011, the BMO Financial Group Shadow Box event returns for its 15th year at the Textile Museum of Canada. The Museum's most important annual fundraiser, this Silent Auction & Cocktail Reception raises upward of \$80,000 each year in support of the TMC's exhibitions, collections and public programs. This year's event features a unique selection of highly collectible works as well as a sophisticated evening of delectable food and wine catered by Michael Tong.

Using identical shadow boxes as their frame or foundation, more than 150 Canadian and international artists have created original artworks that are on display at the Museum from February 23 until the evening of the auction. Bidding is ongoing during the course of the exhibition and all artworks can be purchase at any point at a full price of \$625. Participants include prominent contemporary artists such as Kai Chan, Barbara Klunder, Judith Tinkl, Sarah Maloney and Alison Norlen.

New this year, the BMO Financial Group Shadow Box Event will build on the TMC's 35th anniversary theme, TEXTILEcity. With a focus on the Museum's connection to its urban environment, the TMC is engaging in a series of projects that relate the institution to Toronto's built and cultural landscapes. To expand on this theme, a unique selection of this year's shadow boxes have been designed by award-winning architects, including Kohn Shnier Architects, Adrian Blackwell, Patricia Roy, BGHJ Architects, Andrew King + Angela Silver and Ken Fukushima with results that range from an intricate hand-crafted Ferris wheel and a delicately embossed poem in Braille, to a miniature textile garden.

Since its inception 15 years ago, the BMO Financial Group Shadow Box Event has been attended by more than 2,500 people, involved more than 500 artists and raised nearly \$1,000,000 for the Textile Museum of Canada. This year's event takes place at the Textile Museum of Canada, 55 Centre Avenue, Toronto, on March 3rd from 6:30 to 9 pm.

To preview and bid on the artwork, visit the Museum between February 23 and March 3, 2011. Works can also be viewed online at <http://tmcshadowbox.com/>. For tickets to the 2011 BMO Financial Group Shadow Box Silent Auction & Cocktail Reception, call the Museum at 416-599-5321 x2246 or email development@textilemuseum.ca. Tickets can also be purchased online from <http://shadowbox2011.eventbrite.com>.

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Wednesdays 11 am – 8 pm