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***Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now***  
**February 24 – May 19, 2010**

***Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony***  
***Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.***



**Milwaukee, WI** – The Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. is pleased to present *Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now*, a juried exhibition of original works by Wisconsin artists. Martha Glowacki, the Wisconsin Academy's Co-Director of the James Watrous Gallery, and Graeme Reid, Assistant Director of the Museum of Wisconsin Art were the jurors for more than 250 entries. The final selections represent a range of contemporary styles and practices from artists throughout the state.

The open reception and award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 24 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Awards are as follows: Friends of Charles Allis Grand Prize - \$1000 Award for Excellence - \$600 (there are 2) Margaret Rahill Memorial Award - \$400 Honorable Mention - \$200 Director's Choice - \$100 Viewer's Choice - \$100 (to be awarded after the opening)

## Coming Soon:

### Allis After Hours

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. as our vibrant jazz series continues. Featuring the *Jim Paolo Trio* on Thursday, February 18. Allis After Hours is free with paid museum admission. Includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Visitors are welcome to view the mansion, permanent collection and featured exhibition.

### Classic Hollywood

#### ***A Red Carpet Event to Benefit Movie Time***

*Sunday, March 7, 2010 (Oscar Night!)*

*6:00 p.m. - ?*

Watch the academy awards in style at the Charles Allis Art Museum's red carpet event - *Classic Hollywood*. Come dressed as your favorite star of the silver screen or in black tie attire and join us in a celebration of film, Hollywood and glamour! Meet Milwaukee's own film historian Dale Kuntz, the man behind the scenes of the classic film series Movie Time. Mingle with friends as you toast this year's winners. Classic movie trivia and Oscar prediction contest, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar make this an evening to rival the parties in Hollywood! Tickets are \$20/person (member) and \$25/person (non-member).

Visit us @ [www.cavtmuseums.org](http://www.cavtmuseums.org) for more information about events at the Charles Allis Art Museum or call 414/278-8295.

### About the Museum

On the National Registry of Historic Places, the lavish 1911 home of Charles and Sarah Allis contains a world-class art collection that spans more than 2,000 years and includes impressive Classic antiquities, Renaissance bronzes, Asian ceramics and stunning decorative arts. Changing exhibitions feature local and regional artists, making the museum a vibrant center for Wisconsin arts not to be missed.

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 1-5 p.m. General Admission: \$5/adult, \$3/student & senior (62+) Free for museum members, children 12 & under, and active military.

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