



ONLINE BIDDING BEGINS FOR JULIAN SCHNABEL'S PAJAMAS AND ANNIE LEIBOVITZ PORTRAIT TO BENEFIT DUMBO ARTS CENTER

eBay Auction for Oscar-Nominated Director's Signed Pajamas and Signed
Leibovitz Portrait Ends Saturday, February 21st at 8 p.m. EST

Brooklyn, N.Y. – February 11, 2009 – Superstar artist, Oscar-nominated movie director and ultimate Renaissance man, Julian Schnabel, is notorious for wearing his pajamas as daywear. Now he has donated his favorite pair to the Brooklyn-based [Dumbo Arts Center](#) (DAC), for its annual benefit auction.

Bidding for the pajamas is now live on eBay with a starting bid of \$2,000. Click [here](#) to check out the eBay auction.

The dark blue, yellow-striped pajamas are a laundered, paint-splattered, lovingly mended two-piece collectible, signed by the artist. The winning bidder will also receive Annie Leibovitz's famous 16" x 20" portrait (Archival Pigment print, 1995, signed and dated) featuring Mr. Schnabel wearing the same PJs.

Breda Kennedy, Executive Director of the Dumbo Arts Center said the estimated retail value of the Leibovitz print is \$7,500 and as for the Schnabel PJs:

"Priceless," Kennedy said. "And the winner of this celebrity double whammy will help all those future Schnabels and Leibovitzes, whose work we proudly show at the Dumbo Arts Center."

The auction is part of the Dumbo Arts Center's "I HEART ART" silent benefit auction. All works, including the pajamas, will be on view at the Dumbo Arts Center beginning Feb. 14, 2009. On Saturday night, Feb. 21, DAC will host an auction party sponsored by Campari from 6 – 8 PM. All bidding, including the eBay auction, will close at 8 p.m. sharp EST on that evening.

About the Dumbo Arts Center

DAC's mission is to catalyze interaction between visual artists, the local community and the wider public, in order to preserve the neighborhood of Dumbo as a springboard for new art. DAC produces the annual multi-site D.U.M.B.O. Art Under the Bridge Festival, presents a year-round program of new exhibitions in its gallery, commissions site-specific art and provides educational programs for artists and high school students.

For further information about the benefit auction, contact DAC at (718) 694-0831 or e-mail gallery@dumboartscenter.org.

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