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**TWO BY TWO FOR AIDS AND ART RETURNS FOR 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
BENEFIT DINNER AND ART AUCTION**

**Designer Jan Showers and Jewelry Designer Elizabeth Showers to Co-Chair  
Benefit for amfAR and the Dallas Museum of Art**

**Dallas (July 29, 2009)** – Mother and daughter team **Jan and Elizabeth Showers** will be co-chairing the 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Two by Two for AIDS and Art** benefit dinner and contemporary art auction on Saturday, October 24. Benefiting **amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research** and the **Dallas Museum of Art**, the sold-out, black-tie gala will include cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner, and a live auction conducted by Jamie Niven, Chairman, Sotheby's, including artworks by Peter Doig, Marlene Dumas, Francesco Clemente, and Brice Marden among others.

This is the first time that a mother and daughter have co-chaired this major Dallas fundraiser. Jan Showers, owner of Jan Showers & Associates, is known for the understated glamour in her interior design projects, her Jan Showers Collection and her soon-to-be-released book, *Glamorous Rooms*. Daughter Elizabeth Showers is a nationally recognized jewelry designer, whose jewelry is featured across the country in high profile, luxury retailers.

Since its inception, Two by Two for AIDS and Art has raised over **\$21 million** in support of essential AIDS research at amfAR and for the Contemporary Art Acquisitions Fund at the Dallas Museum of Art. The event is the largest U.S. fundraiser for amfAR. Additionally, it is recognized as one of the top events in Dallas.

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The benefit dinner and art auction will once again be hosted by Cindy and Howard Rachofsky at their Richard Meier-designed home. Longtime philanthropists and amfAR supporters, the couple was presented with an Award of Courage alongside Donna Karan and Liza Minelli at the 2009 amfAR New York Gala this past February for their vital and distinctive contributions to the global struggle against AIDS.

Week-long festivities leading up to the Two by Two gala include a preview party for Dallas Museum of Art members on Tuesday and the ever popular First Look Party on Thursday. Dallas collectors Christen and Derek Wilson will host a brunch at their home on Sunday morning during which amfAR's *Award of Excellence for Artistic Contributions to the Fight Against AIDS* will be presented to 2009 honoree Peter Doig.

Previous VIP celebrity guests have included Sharon Stone, Sigourney Weaver, Shirley MacLaine, Liza Minnelli, Barry Manilow, Natasha Richardson, John Benjamin Hickey, Taylor Dayne, Dita Von Teese and Stanley Tucci. Renowned artists Robert Rauschenberg, Ed Ruscha, Julian Schnabel, April Gornik, Joel Shapiro, Cecily Brown, Tom Friedman, Elizabeth Peyton, and Jim Hodges have been honored.

Event sponsors for 2009 include Sotheby's, Moet Hennessy USA, Aston Martin of Dallas, Waldman Bros., The Joule, Bombardier Flexjet, Todd Fiscus for Todd Events, Kristina Wrenn for twentyandseven, Neiman Marcus, The Snoring Center, and Tolleson Wealth Management.

For more information, please visit [www.2x2online.org](http://www.2x2online.org).

### **BENEFICIARIES**

**amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research**, is one of the world's leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to the support of AIDS research, HIV prevention, treatment education, and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy. Since 1985, amfAR has invested nearly \$290 million in its programs and has awarded grants to more than 2,200 research teams worldwide. Visit [www.amfar.org](http://www.amfar.org).

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**The Dallas Museum of Art**, established in 1903, has an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works spanning 5,000 years of history and representing all media with renowned strengths in the arts of the ancient Americas, Africa, Indonesia, and South Asia; European and American painting, sculpture, and decorative arts; and American and international contemporary art.

The Dallas Museum of Art is the anchor of the growing Dallas Arts District and, in all its vitality, serves as a cultural magnet for the city with diverse programming ranging from exhibitions and lectures to concerts, literary readings, and dramatic and dance presentations. The Museum serves more than one-half million visitors a year and offers more than 3,500 education and public programs annually designed to engage people of all ages with the power and excitement of art. Visit [www.dallasmuseumofart.org](http://www.dallasmuseumofart.org).

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Please note the correct name is **amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research**. It was formerly known as the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR).

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