



UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE ART SHOW

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**ARTCLECTIC 2011 CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY WITH ART, SPECIAL EVENTS
AND ART-MAKING, OCT. 20-23**

**Featured Artist Charles Brindley; Special Anniversary Art by
Jim Sherraden and Julie Sola of Hatch Show Print**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(Sept. 20, 2011)—University School of Nashville (USN) presents **Artclectic**, one of Nashville’s most anticipated annual art shows, Oct. 20-23. Celebrating its 15-year anniversary, Artclectic will feature a juried art show with work by more than 50 artists, including featured artist Charles Brindley; special events, family activities and more. To commemorate Artclectic’s 15 years as one of the Southeast’s pre-eminent art shows, famed Nashville printmakers Jim Sherraden and Julie Sola of Hatch Show Print have collaborated to create 15 unique multi-dimensional pieces entitled “Cupcakes and Columns,” available exclusively at the Patrons Party silent auction. Visitors will see hundreds of artworks, including paintings, sculpture, jewelry, textile arts and more that range in price from \$20 to more than \$5,000. Artclectic attracts thousands of visitors during the four-day event that takes place at USN, 2000 Edgehill Avenue. Proceeds from Artclectic support USN, an independent K-12 school.

What began 15 years ago as a desire to bring artists and their artwork to USN for a school fundraiser has evolved into a nationally respected art show that attracts loyal patrons and newcomers to view work by the carefully selected group of talented emerging and established artists.

Because Artclectic is a unique opportunity to appeal to one of Nashville's most cosmopolitan art audiences, it was particularly difficult for juror Susan Knowles to choose just 50 artists from the 250 entrants from around the country. Of this year's 15th anniversary show, Knowles states, “I am so happy to have an opportunity to highlight the work of Charles Brindley, an artist of national distinction whose work I have admired for many years.” Of the jurying process, she says, “Being especially drawn to exceptional technique, I fell in love with the elegant functional porcelain of Anderson Bailey; the sophisticated combination of gold, silver, and pearls in the jewelry of Sadie Wang; the chic tailoring in Ruby Ballard-Harris’s coats and jackets; and the intricate and intimate handmade books of Lesley Patterson-Marx. Another immediate choice was the emotionally intelligent paintings of Emily McGrew. I was pleased to learn after the jurying that Emily was a recent USN graduate—what an exciting testament to USN's exceptional art program!”

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Saturday, Oct. 22 and Sunday, Oct. 23 admission to Artclectic is free. Visitors are welcome to explore the gallery, meet the artists who sit with their artwork throughout the day; make artwork with found objects at Art Factory; enjoy lunch offered by Mas Tacos food truck; and more. A full schedule of Artclectic is listed below.

Featured Artist: Charles Brindley

Critically acclaimed artist Charles Brindley is the featured artist for Artclectic 2011. An exhibition of his work, *Trace and Transformation*, will be on view in USN's Tibbott Center Gallery from Sunday, Oct. 9 to Sunday, Nov. 6. As featured artist, Charles Brindley will present a lecture about the creative process Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at USN; and he will teach a drawing workshop Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Scarritt Bennett Center. Reservations are required. Information about the artist and events is available online at www.artclectic.org.

Artclectic Events

- The Artclectic community party opens at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, with a cash bar. Admission is \$10 per person and includes light fare from Whole Foods. Every year, the party attracts city leaders, arts patrons, and the trendsetters of Nashville's arts scene.
- On Saturday and Sunday, admission is free. Visitors can explore the art gallery, meet professional artists from around the country, and create art. Affordable lunch will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., provided by Mas Tacos food truck. Artclectic is open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Art Factory, a free, hands-on workshop for children and parents, will take place Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the spacious art studios of the Tibbott Center, creative sparks will fly as participants make art out of varied and wonderful donated materials that might otherwise go to landfill— spare toy parts, fabric scraps, feathers, odd junk, and much more.
- The Patrons Party will take place Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Guests will enjoy a preview of the Artclectic gallery, hors d'oeuvres provided by Whole Foods and a silent auction. Tickets are \$125 and available for purchase by calling the Artclectic hotline at (615) 277-7460.

For more information, visit www.artclectic.org. The website includes a complete list of artists and representative images of their works.

About University School of Nashville

University School of Nashville (USN) is a K-12, independent, co-educational, non-sectarian day school established in 1975 as the successor to Peabody Demonstration School, established in 1915.

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