

ART IN GENERAL

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For Immediate Release: Art in General hosts Annual Hamptons Cocktail Reception

New York, NY (June 30, 2006) Art in General is pleased to invite patrons, friends, supporters, and art enthusiasts to the *Annual Hamptons Cocktail Reception* to be held on **Saturday, August 5, 2006** from 6-8 pm at the home of artist **Keith Sonnier** in Bridgehampton, NY. Join Art in General's Board of Directors, staff, and 2006-2007 artists at our annual summer bash hosted by **Nicole Klagsbrun, Jennifer McSweeney, Peter Reuss, Fred Schmeltzer** and **Keith Sonnier**.

This event will also provide the opportunity to bid farewell to our exiting Executive Director, **Holly Block**, who will be stepping down from her post at Art in General after 18 years with the organization to become Director of the Bronx Museum of the Arts. To commemorate her tenure, on this evening Art in General's Board of Directors will also be announcing the details of the new work to be commissioned in her name.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served as attendees converse with one another, familiarize themselves with the artists who will comprise the exhibitions and programming of our upcoming season, and meet Art in General staff amongst the pleasing background of a Hamptons summer evening.

Tickets are available for \$150 per person and admission is complimentary for Art in General's *Insiders* and *Collector's Circle* members. To participate in our annual event please RSVP by July 24th to anna@artingeneral.org or 212.219.0473, ext. 25

Proceeds from Art in General's summer events will help support exhibitions, residencies, and commissions by emerging artists and programs for public school students grades 6-12.

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Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 12-6 pm

About Art in General

Founded in 1981 in Lower Manhattan, Art in General is a nonprofit organization that assists artists with the production and presentation of new work. It changes in response to the needs of artists and informs and engages the public about their work.

In 25 years, the organization has emerged as one of New York City's leading nonprofits devoted to supporting and stimulating the creation of contemporary art, providing an environment in which artists can exhibit unconventional work and exchange ideas with their peers. Art in General has exhibited the work of nearly 5,000 artists working across a wide range of media.

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