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Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
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“Saints, Sinners and Song” is the theme for the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum’s
Twelfth Annual Gala Benefit

(University Center, MI) -- The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will celebrate music from the early 20th century’s Great American Songbook during the museum’s twelfth annual gala benefit *Saints, Sinners and Song*, Friday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. The event takes its name from Marshall Fredericks’s “Saints and Sinners” sculpture located in the Dow Gardens in Midland.

The music of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and many other American songbook composers will keep you entertained throughout the evening. Special guest Kevin Cole, an award-winning musical director, arranger, composer, pianist and vocalist from Bay City who specializes in music by American song writers, will delight you.

The evening’s dinner will include favorite menu items from famous New York restaurants such as the Waldorf Astoria, The 21 Club, Sardis, Russian Tea Room, Four Seasons and Delmonico’s.

Nearly 50 of the region’s finest artists have donated works of art for a silent auction that will be held from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., followed with a live auction of visual and culinary art and travel at 8. Midland auctioneer Mike Furlo will host the live auction. An afterglow in the Speakeasy Lounge will run from 9 to 11 p.m.

“For twelve years, some of the finest artists in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond have donated a work of art to the Saints and Sinners art auction. This has become a signature event because of the generosity of these fabulous artists,” said Marilyn Wheaton, Museum Director. “The event would not be the success it is without the artists’ participation,” Wheaton added.

Midland artist Louise Chen has donated an acrylic and Chinese ink painting titled “Chant of the Lotus.” Chen explains that “the Chinese seal in the middle of the painting praises lotus’s unstained beauty. The life cycle of lotus is as comforting as a soothing song.”

All of the art work can be viewed online at www.marshallfredericks.org, under the Art Auction Preview.

The Dow Chemical Company is the **Title Sponsor** of the event. **Benefactors** are Thomas and Stephanie Braley, Nexteer Automotive, and Sue and Bill Vititoe; **Patrons** are Denis and Madeline Burke, Champagne & Marx Excavating, Inc., Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, Fabiano Brothers (James C. Fabiano II), Carl and Christina Fredericks, Furlo Auction Service, Garber Automotive, Dave and Patti Kepler, Morley Companies, Inc., Pumford Construction, Mervyn and Avril Roundtree, Saginaw Bay Dermatology, Spence Brothers, and Odail and Mamie Thorns. Valet service is made possible with a generous gift from Dave and Patti Kepler.

Tickets to *Saints, Sinners & Song* are \$100 each or two for \$190, which includes one drink ticket and valet parking. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (989) 964-7082 or at the door the night of the event. The last two years have been sold out, so don't wait to order your tickets.

Proceeds from the gala benefit support the exhibition and educational programs at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

The Museum is located at Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, Michigan. For more information about the event, call 989-964-7125. The Museum is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free of charge.

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NOTE: Photos of five works of art donated to the auction are attached.