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“Saints, Sinners and Spies” Theme Set for the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum’s 15th Annual Gala Benefit

Saginaw, Mich. – The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will celebrate the sounds and tastes of the spies and secret agents in the style of James Bond and other famous films during the museum’s fifteenth annual gala benefit *Saints, Sinners and Spies*, Friday, October 4 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.

Big band blues and jazz music by Detroit’s own Ben Sharkey will be performed live throughout the evening. Dinner features special French Mediterranean cuisine including Prawns Ala Grecque, Boeuf Bourguignon, and Roast Duck followed by French Crepes and Macarons, and much more. All cocktails will be named after different James Bond film titles.

Fifty 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 at 8:00 p.m. Midland auctioneer Mike Furlo will host the live auction and Johnny Burke will be the Master of Ceremonies.

“For fifteen 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 auction. This has become a signature event because of the generosity of these artists,” said Megan McAdow, Museum Director. “The event would not be the success it is without the artists’ participation,” she added.

Midland artist Ju-Yu Louise Chen donated a Chinese brush painting mounted on a scroll titled *Breakthrough*; Pigeon artist Avril Roundtree donated a decorative quilt titled *I Spy with My Little Eye*; Mark Beltchenko of Detroit donated a stone and steel sculpture titled *Birthworks #8*; Dennis and Debbie Himes of Bay City’s Kaleidoscope Illusions donated *No Way Out*, a fused glass sculpture; and Craig Snook of Saginaw donated a painting titled *Quiet Comes the Evening*.

All art work can be viewed online at <http://marshallfredericks.org/artauction/>.

Merrill, a Bank of America company, and Victor and Heather Aviles are Benefactors of the event along with Judith Ruland, Bill and Sue Vititoe and Nexteer Automotive. **Patrons** include Dave and Kathy Abbs, Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, Fabiano Brothers, Furlo Auction Service, Garber Automotive, Garpel Group, Hausbeck Pickle Company LLC, Barbara Heller, Hemlock Semiconductor Operations LLC, Dave and Patti Kepler, Kate and Jim Nigro, Mervyn and Avril Roundtree, and Saginaw Bay Dermatology.

Complimentary valet service is made possible with a generous gift from the Marshall M. Fredericks Foundation.

Tickets to *Saints, Sinners & Spies* are \$100 each or two for \$190, which includes one drink ticket, dinner and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (989) 964-7082 or online at <http://marshallfredericks.org/sss/>, or at the door the night of the event. Tickets are selling quickly, so order yours today.

Proceeds from the gala benefit support the year-round educational programs and exhibitions 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.