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### **CIRKERS AND HAYES SPONSOR ART FOR AFRICA AUCTION Proceeds From The Event Will Benefit Africa Foundation**

**NEW YORK**, Oct. 18, 2011 – Cirkers Fine Art Storage and Logistics and Hayes Fine Art Storage and Logistics, both celebrating more than 150 years of packing, storing and transporting fine art and antiques in Manhattan, announced that they are sponsors of the upcoming Art for Africa auction. Proceeds from the Thursday, Nov. 17 sale will benefit Africa Foundation, an organization that supports orphans from rural communities in southern and eastern Africa.

“Cirkers and Hayes are proud to sponsor the second Art for Africa auction and the much needed aid that Art Foundation provides to children in Africa,” said Senior Vice President and General Manager Andrew Hamilton. “We are supporting this year’s event with more than \$15,000 worth of donated fine art storage space and expert packing and transportation services. We are honored to sponsor such an important and uplifting event.”

“We are having an amazing experience with Cirkers and Hayes,” said Africa Foundation (USA) Chair of the Board Krista Krieger. “We couldn’t have done this without them. We sincerely thank Cirkers and Hayes for their support.”

The first Art for Africa auction was held in London on Sept. 21, 2009 at Sotheby’s London and raised more than \$750,000. This year’s event, to be held at Sotheby’s in New York, will feature American artists American artists Peter Beard, Paul Balmer, Ross Bleckner, Alexander Calder, Nick Cave, EV Jour, Thornton Dial, Caio Fonseca, Alex Katz, Gary Komarin, Julian Lethbridge, Matt Magee, Nabil Nahas, Hunt Slonem, Shinique Smith, Jeff Sonhouse, Hank Willis Thomas, Thomas Mickalene, Andy Warhol, Purvis Young and Donald Baechler. The African artists who have contributed to the sale are Beezy Bailey, Hassan and Hussein Essop, Dylan Lewis, Peterson Kamwathi, Thomas Mulcaire & Ricardo Oliveira, Mikhael Subotzky, Marie Sibande, Creative Block, Frances Goodman and Sue Williamson. The entire collection will be exhibited at Sotheby’s New York from November 12 - 17. To learn more about the auction, visit [artforafrica.org.uk](http://artforafrica.org.uk).

#### **About Cirkers Fine Art Storage and Logistics**

Cirkers is an industry leader in the storage, transportation, packing, crating and shipping of fine art, antiques and other valuable possessions. Located at 444 W. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Cirkers features 65,000 square feet of premier climate-controlled storage space and the latest technology in smoke detection and security. To learn more about Cirkers visit [cirkers.com](http://cirkers.com).

#### **About Hayes Fine Art Storage and Logistics**

Founded in 1860, Hayes Fine Art Storage and Logistics is one of the oldest fine art storage and transportation firms in the United States. Located at 305 East 61st St. in Manhattan, the company is a recognized leader in the storage, transportation, packing, crating and shipping of fine art and antiques. Hayes’ recently renovated Upper East Side facility features premier climate-controlled storage space and the latest technology in smoke detection and security. To learn more about Hayes visit [hayestorage.com](http://hayestorage.com).

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