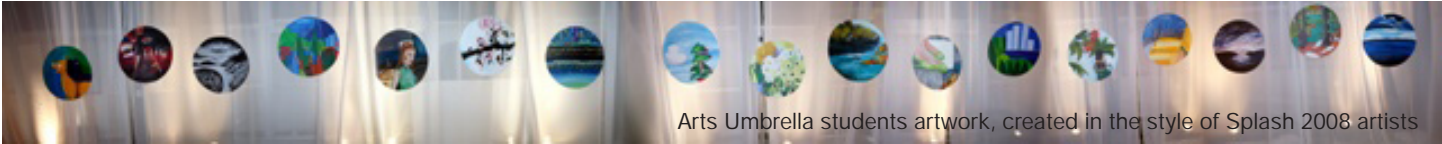




The Splash 2008 Story!



Already in its 26th year, Splash 2008, Arts Umbrella's annual Art Auction and Gala is still the hottest charitable art event in the city! Held on Saturday, October 4, Splash raised over \$300,000 in net proceeds with all funds supporting Arts Umbrella's commitment to inspire kids for life through the arts.

Once again, Performance Works on Granville Island was transformed into a hip new space with sleek white design elements, contemporary art, and splashes of orange throughout the stunning venue. At this sold-out event, guests were greeted by servers sporting signature Splash 2008 sunglasses offering Louis Roederer champagne. As guests circulated through the spacious Live and Silent Auction galleries, perusing over 80 works by some of Canada's most prominent artists, they were treated to an extensive canapø service by the Pan Pacific Vancouver.

Guests enjoyed Ganton & Larsen Prospect wines while raffle ticket sellers moved through the buzzing crowd, offering chances to win a stunning showcase raffle prize, a diamond encrusted Tiffany & Co. bangle, as well as a myriad of other amazing prizes. Prior to the auction, guests were entertained by roving young actors from Arts Umbrella's Senior Theatre Troupe and an edgy dance performance by the Arts Umbrella Senior Dance Company.

Bidding was brisk and the energy was high during the Live Auction, conducted by long-time Arts Umbrella supporter, Barry Scott of Maynard's Industries, raising over \$260,000 alone. Once the Silent Auction closed and the art was snapped up by eager collectors, the party picked up momentum as DJ Reign of The Beat 94.5FM spun tracks and got the crowd up on their feet. The party closed with delectable sweets by Rogers Chocolates and the Pan Pacific Vancouver.



