

## **Support the Arts While Shopping for One-of-a-Kind Holiday Gifts in the East Bay ~ 12/7/2008**

### **What:**

Ditch the mall and celebrate the Bay Area's arts community! The Richmond Art Center's (RAC) Annual Holiday Arts Festival and Art Auction features original artworks by established and emerging regional artists and artisans. All arts and crafts purchases directly benefit RAC and its educational programming, exhibitions, and community arts.

Prices of fine art and crafts range from \$4 to \$500. Works include a wide variety of fine artwork, hand-made ceramics, textiles, and jewelry.

The one-day-only event also includes a silent auction, holiday café, kid's activities, and this year for the first time, live music.

Performing is The Adrian Gormley Ensemble, a collective of Bay Area Jazz musicians, and one of Point Richmond Music's (PRM) featured acts at their 2008 community concert season. The performance is sponsored by PRM, who shares RAC's commitment to nurturing community arts in Richmond and beyond. Admission is free.

### **When:**

Sunday, December 7, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. (early admission for RAC Members at 11:00 a.m.). Musical performance from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. by the Adrian Gormley Ensemble [www.theadriangormleyensemble.com](http://www.theadriangormleyensemble.com).

### **Related Event: Annual Holiday Silent Arts Auction Preview**

**November 25, 26, and December 2 - 6**

**12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.**

The Silent Art Auction, which attracts collectors, curators, and art lovers from throughout the state, features more than 50 works donated by some of the Bay Area's top emerging and established artists. View a wide range of work in diverse mediums with minimum bids set as low as \$20.

### **Where:**

2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804, wheelchair accessible, free parking, BART accessible

### **About The Richmond Art Center**

Mission: As the San Francisco Bay Area's most established art center, the Richmond Art Center inspires active engagement in the arts through exhibitions, education, and in-school programs. Artists involve children and youth in the creative process through residencies in public schools and also instruct individuals of all ages through studio classes, workshops, and tours.

Exhibitions feature contemporary Bay Area and nationally known artists as well as community-based projects that reflect the richness and diversity of the region.

Please visit [www.therichmondartcenter.org](http://www.therichmondartcenter.org) for more information.

Gallery and Office Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
All exhibitions are free to the public and are wheelchair accessible.

**About Point Richmond Music:**

Now in its seventh year, the annual Point Richmond Music (PRM) series is a local volunteer initiative that celebrates the Bay Area's wealth of musical talent and diversity in an all-ages, all-inclusive setting. The PRM committee is made up of dedicated individuals who share a vision of bringing the community together through the common language of music. Funding comes from the generosity of local residents individuals and companies who support this vision. 2008 Sponsors are: Chevron, Genser & Watkins, Globe Newspapers, Interactive Resources, Paige Poulos Communications, Sims Metal, (Platinum), No Trace, M.A. Hays, MSH Group, Mechanics Bank, Vertigo, Wareham Development, (Gold), Armor Locksmith Services, Catahoula Coffee Company & Roastery, Courtyard by Marriott, Richard and John Lompa at Online Bindery, Rafael Madrigal Insurance Agency, Point Richmond Business Association, Veolia Water, (Silver), and Atchison Village Credit Union, Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, Sincere Design, Women's Westside Improvement (Friends).