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Lionstone Development Engages Miami's Art Community with Sneak Preview of 6th Annual Masters Mystery Art Show

*Fundraiser Benefits Florida International University's
Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts Program*

MIAMI, FL – (Nov. 13, 2009) – Four hundred local business leaders, art enthusiasts and members of the Florida International University arts and design community recently attended an exclusive sneak preview and cocktail reception to celebrate the upcoming sixth annual Masters Mystery Art Show (MMAS) at FIU's new Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum. Guests enjoyed live music by students from the FIU School of Performing Arts as they perused artwork that will be available for sale during the 2009 MMAS.

Supported by the Lowenstein family, owners of Miami-based Lionstone Development Group, the MMAS is one of the most important fundraisers benefitting FIU's prestigious Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts (MFA) program. Proceeds from last year's MMAS, which totaled more than \$30,000, provide students with support for art exhibitions, artist's lectures, workshops and conference travel.

The sixth annual MMAS will be hosted Wednesday, December 2nd with a private cocktail reception to coincide with Art Basel Miami Beach and a public showing for one day only on December 3rd from 12-7pm. This international fundraising exhibition gathers prominent business and community leaders and art collectors at the exclusive Lionstone Development-owned The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach. During MMAS, more than 1,000 works are displayed anonymously, creating an artistic "whodunit" as guests buzz around the mini masterpieces and try to identify works by famous artists and new talent to add to their collections. Previously, celebrities and famous artists have contributed works for sale during MMAS, including John Legend, Rachel Ray, Carlos Betancourt, Romero Britto, Andy Garcia, Gloria and Emilio Estefan and Rosie O'Donnell. All proceeds benefit FIU, specifically the school's MFA program.

"The Masters' Mystery Art Show is one of the most important annual fundraisers for the South Florida arts community, and we seek to attract new and existing artists and supporters to the event each year," said Martin Elortegui, Lionstone Development's Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing and a major force behind the MMAS since its inception. "Through the funds gathered by this event, we are providing talented artists with the opportunity to master their craft at FIU, and help bring national recognition to South Florida's rich artistic and cultural

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community. Contributing to Miami's cultural expansion of the arts is an initiative embraced by the entire Lowenstein Family, and we hope many others will join us to continue this mission."

FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg thanked Elortegui and the Lowenstein family for their constant passion for the arts, creation of the MMAS and overall support of FIU's MFA program. He also invited attendees to join the Lowenstein's in supporting the MMAS and helping to continue the program's success.

The Lowenstein family has proudly supported the MMAS program since 2003. An extension of the family's personal passion for the arts, the Lowensteins created the MMAS in conjunction with FIU to offer a platform to generate awareness and support for valuable art education programs and showcase up-and-coming artistic talent from the Miami area and beyond.

About Lionstone Development

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