

HEATHER JAMES

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ANNOUNCING THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW GALLERY IN JACKSON, WYOMING



April 14, 2010 - Jackson, Wyoming - Jim Carona and Heather Sacre, owners of Heather James Fine Art and Heather James Art & Antiquities in Palm Desert, California, are pleased to announce the opening of a new gallery in Jackson, Wyoming.

The new gallery will be the home of **Heather James Fine Art, Jackson** and will focus on a wide breadth of genres including cultural art and antiquities, Impressionist and Modern, Post-War and Contemporary, American and Latin American Masters, Old Masters, cutting-edge Contemporary and Photography. Designed by internationally renowned architect Dianna Wong, the gallery spans 3600 square feet and encompasses five main exhibition spaces in addition to five smaller gallery spaces. Wong's stunning interior design reflects influences by the surrounding landscape, light and other significant architecture of the area that uniquely represents Jackson.

"Heather and I are excited to expand the Heather James gallery vision into such an amazing space and community," explains Jim Carona, who believes that the gallery in Jackson perfectly represents their mission. "We want to create dialogues between different art forms, time periods and genres through a broad range of exhibitions. Jackson has established itself as a significant destination arts community. We see this as a perfect opportunity to merge our love for the natural world and a life style that Jackson embodies, with our passion for art." In addition, tours, lectures and other forms of public programming will be an important component of the gallery's activity.

Joining the team is acclaimed Los Angeles based curator, Chip Tom who has built an international reputation as a curator who likes to break down barriers and categories and create new dialogues in nontraditional environments. Tom studied architecture, art history, studio arts and business at Yale University, and has curated dozens of acclaimed art and design exhibitions in North America and Europe. He has brought numerous young contemporary artists and outsider artists from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America to the public's attention.

Lyndsay McCandless, gallery director, brings with her over 18 years of varied experiences in the arts as a teacher, artist, non-profit board member and gallery owner/director. After moving to Jackson nearly twenty years ago with an Art History/Studio Art degree from Princeton University, she quickly established herself as a forward-thinker and a leader in the contemporary art movement in Jackson.

Heather James Fine Art, Jackson will showcase blue chip and cutting edge contemporary art while still maintaining a respect for the integrity of antiquity and classical masterpieces. "Our philosophy is simple," explains Tom, "Great art is found worldwide and we want to expose people to the most thought provoking, technically interesting and significant artworks." Tom is organizing future gallery exhibitions that will include a wide spectrum of contemporary artists such as Tseng Kwong Chi, Lawrence Lee, Timothy Tompkins, Kaoru Mansour and Krisjanis Kaktins-Gorsline, which will hang next to cultural art and antiquities from China, Japan, Africa, Pre-Columbian Mexico and masterpieces by Picasso, Monet, Warhol, Wyeth and others.

Heather James Fine Art opened April 1, 2010 at 172 Center Street, Suite 101, Jackson, WY, 83001 and will hold its grand opening August 21, 2010 with the blockbuster exhibition *Masters of Impressionism and Modern Art* and a group exhibition of contemporary art *Forest for the Trees*. For more information about the gallery and upcoming exhibitions, visit our website, www.heatherjames.com or contact Lyndsay McCandless at 307-200-6090 or lyndsay@heatherjames.com.