

## The Collectors of the Friends of the Georgia Museum of Art present a celebration of automotive design, Art on Wheels

ATHENS, GA, April 23, 2009 – On Saturday, May 16, 2009, the Collectors of the Friends of the Georgia Museum of Art will host Art on Wheels, a celebration of automotive design, at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, in Athens, Ga.

The gala will feature several cars from the golden age of vintage automobiles. These cars, which are being provided for the evening by a private collector, will include a 1962 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud limousine, one of only six ever made. A 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible, a 1954 Mercury Monterey Woodie Wagon, a 1967 Jaguar and a 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II will also be among the rare automobiles.

Dinner, dancing and a silent auction will also make this event one to remember. The silent auction will include a watercolor by Pierre Daura, donated by the artist's daughter, a work by Steve Penley and many other unique items donated by the Friends of the Museum.

Art on Wheels is part of "GMOA on the Move," a two-year series of off-site exhibitions and events. The museum's Carlton Street location is temporarily closed for the addition of a new wing and renovation of the existing space, but with GMOA on the Move, the museum will remain active in the community.

John Morrison and Cindy Karp, two members of the Collectors, will chair the event. The Collectors is a higher-level Friends membership that includes exclusive invitations to events focusing on collecting art, educational articles related to collecting and special travel opportunities related to art. The Collectors help the museum raise money to continue adding to its extensive collection.

"This is the second annual fundraiser that the Collectors are hosting, and in keeping with GMOA on the Move, we thought the art of vintage automobiles would be an appropriate theme," said John Morrison, event co-chair. "The auction will feature many exciting items, including works by artists such as Steve Penley and Pierre Daura."

For Collectors members, the event costs \$75 per person and \$95 per couple. For non-members, the event costs \$100 per person and \$175 per couple. Please call 706.542.0830 for more information and respond by May 10, 2009. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

To join the Collectors, visit the Georgia Museum of Art website at [www.uga.edu/gamuseum](http://www.uga.edu/gamuseum) or call 706.542.GMOA (4662)

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