

1708GALLERY

A NON-PROFIT SPACE FOR NEW ART

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NOT SO SILENT NIGHT: HOLIDAY IN A BOX

OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008, 7 - 10 PM

SILENT AUCTION GALA AND DANCE PARTY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008, 7 PM - MIDNIGHT



1708 Gallery will celebrate the season and **30 years** of contemporary art with the *Not So Silent Night: Holiday in a Box* exhibition and silent auction from December 5-19, 2008.

1708 Gallery has invited some of the region's most prominent and new artists to exhibit their small works, which will be available to the public as a silent auction. The exhibition will close with a silent auction gala on December 19th determining who will take home some of the region's most sought after works of art.

New this year - a show within the show: *Art Box* - featuring six limited-edition art works created by Paul Teeple, Tom Chenoweth, Carole Garmon, Robert Walz, Rob Tarbell, and Cindy Neuschwander. These artists were each provided with a 10" x 10" gift box to alter in some way, minimally or completely, creating an exciting, new, one of a kind art-piece. To add to the fun, the names of the artists will not be attached to their work. As we draw the raffles on the night of the event, the first winning ticket holder gets the first pick of the six boxes. The second winning ticket holder gets the next choice, and so on. The artists' name of the work will be identified after all "Art Boxes" have been raffled off. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and available for sale at 1708 Gallery starting November 6th.

A DJ will spin tunes throughout the night. After the gala, the music will change beat as another new event begins - the Holiday Dance Party. The lights will dim and the music will pick up culminating in the ultimate dance party of the season. So bring your dancing shoes!

About the Gallery

1708 Gallery is Virginia's first alternative non-profit gallery and one of the oldest artist run galleries in the country committed to expanding the understanding, development, and appreciation of contemporary art. Through diverse exhibitions, educational programs and services for artists and the community, the gallery provides a forum for dialogue that contributes to the development and creation of culture.

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