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**SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON, HOSTS 26TH ANNUAL
DECEMBER SALE TO BENEFIT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Largest Public Art Sale in New England Features Works by Museum School Artists

WHAT	2006 December Sale School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston December 6–11, 2006 Free admission
WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, December 6, 12–8 PM *Opening Celebration 5–8 PM*• Thursday, December 7, 12–8 PM• Friday, December 8 through Monday, December 11, 12–6 PM
OVERVIEW	The 26th annual December Sale at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), offers contemporary art collectors and holiday gift-shoppers the opportunity to purchase original artwork by more than 800 established and emerging artists, including internationally known Museum School alumni and faculty, affiliated artists, and current students. The largest public art sale in New England, this popular and dynamic event features artwork in a diverse range of media—from paintings, sculpture, and photographs to jewelry, ceramics, and textiles—that rotates on a daily basis. Proceeds benefit artists and SMFA student scholarships.
ART FOR SALE	More than 4,000 works of art by approximately 800 participating artists will be available for sale, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original artwork by renowned international artists, including Robert Rauschenberg and Claes Oldenburg and Museum School alumni Jim Dine and Ellsworth Kelly.• Contemporary paintings, photographs, prints, drawings, ceramics, art objects, clothing, jewelry, and sculpture by emerging local artists, Museum School faculty, and current students.
PROCEEDS	Net proceeds from the SMFA December Sale benefit Museum School student scholarships. In 2005, the event raised more than \$1 million. Participating artists receive 50 percent of the proceeds from the sale of their work, while the School receives the other 50 percent. Annually, the Museum School commits \$4.4 million to meet the growing need for

student aid funding. This year, 72 percent of students are receiving some sort of financial aid.

LOCATION

School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
230 The Fenway
Boston, Mass.

The December Sale is held on the Museum School's ground floor, which contains more than 7,000 square feet of display space between the atrium, auditorium, and gallery.

**VISITING
THE SMFA**

December attendees are encouraged to take public transportation to the Museum School. It is accessible via the Green Line E train (exit at Museum of Fine Arts stop), the Orange Line (exit at Ruggles stop), or the #39 bus (exit at Ruggles Street). Limited public parking is available in the parking garage at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and in the parking lot off Museum Road. Limited street parking is available on the streets adjacent to the Museum School.

INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.smfa.edu or call 617-369-3718.

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Founded in 1876 and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA), is one of the largest and oldest museum schools in the country. A division of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and in partnership with Tufts University, the Museum School offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), the BFA in Art Education, the five year Combined-Degree (BA or BS with BFA), the Master of Arts in Teaching in Art Education, and the Master of Fine Arts. The SMFA also offers an all-studio four-year Diploma, and one-year Fifth Year and Post-Baccalaureate certificates. Through Continuing Education, evening and weekend courses, and art-making programs for teenagers also are available. For more information, visit www.smfa.edu or call 617-267-6100.