

## **Chazen Museum of Art Medici Masquerade, October 19, 2007**

### **Evening Schedule:**

6:00-8:00 pm Food and beverage served in Paige Court  
6:00-6:30 pm Courtly Cadenza greets guests, mixes and mingles  
6:30-6:45 pm Trumpet fanfare and first dance set by Courtly Cadenza (CC) dancers  
6:45-6:55 pm Russell Panczenko and Tim Erdman give remarks in Paige Court  
6:55-7:40 pm Courtly Cadenza mixes and mingles with guests  
7:40-7:55 pm Trumpet fanfare - Courtly Cadenza's second dance set in Paige Court  
8:00 p.m. Event ends

### **Russell Panczenko:**

Welcome to the Chazen Museum of Art. I'm pleased that you could join us this evening for a Medici Masquerade.

We're here to celebrate a special exhibition, *Natura Morta: Still Life from the Medici Collections*. The Medici, as many of you know, were prominent art patrons during the Renaissance period. As bankers, politicians, and merchants, they were influential supporters of the arts. With their power and patronage, the Florentine republic thrived, and the Renaissance was born. Works of art that graced Medici family villas now hang in Galleries VI and VII for you to enjoy. This is the last weekend that the works will be on view, so I invite you to take a look at the exhibition while you are here this evening. Education curator Anne Lambert and docent Maureen Kind will gladly talk with you in the galleries. Of course we ask that you enjoy your food and beverage here on the Paige Court level before you visit the exhibition.

As you know, tonight's event is a benefit for the museum. I wish to send a special thank you to Rich Lynch and J.H. Findorff & Son Inc, who generously sponsored tonight's special event (wait for applause).

The Chazen is one of Madison's cultural gems, with the largest, most diverse collection of art in the city and the second largest art collection in the state. We look forward to exciting changes in the near future, as we plan for a major building expansion, scheduled for completion in 2011. Our new addition will double the size of the museum, and offer more space for exhibitions, permanent collection storage, and educational programming.

As a thanks for your support, be sure to take a special gift from the museum as you depart tonight; these will be at both doors to the museum. And now I'd like to turn the microphone over to Tim Erdman, Chair of the Chazen Museum of Art Council.

### **Tim Erdman:**

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the Chazen Museum this evening. Tonight is very special because not only are we enjoying a wonderful exhibition, but we're here to

celebrate wonderful patrons of the arts. I am talking about all of you who are here tonight to enjoy this special event. We like to think of you as the “Madison Medicis.” During the Renaissance period, the Medicis made Florence, Italy great and now in the twenty-first century, YOU help make Madison the wonderful city that it is with your own art patronage. Individuals and organizations like Rich Lynch and J.H. Findorff & Son Inc, make very important contributions to the museum, and help us continue to serve the community. The Chazen is a valuable educational and cultural resource for the campus, for the city and county, and for the entire state of Wisconsin. I’m proud to be a part of this important organization and I truly appreciate your support. Thank to all of you for being here tonight. Please enjoy yourselves during the remainder of the evening!