

SNELL & WILMER SPONSORS 'PAINT THE TOWN'

*Art Event Features Local Artists Steven Spann, Lorne Cramer, Evgeni Vodenitcharov
Raising Money for Local Charities*

LAS VEGAS (September 11, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. was pleased to sponsor the art fundraiser 'Paint the Town' on Thursday, September 10, in its offices located on Howard Hughes Parkway. Local artists Steven Spann, Lorne Cramer, and Evgeni Vodenitcharov produced dozens of pieces, including paintings, digital art, and sculptures for the silent auction. Proceeds from the event benefited the local charities Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada, Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, and S.A.F.E. House.

"Although we support the art community and are quite active with both national and local charities, we wanted to take our commitment a step further," said Michael Stein, Partner in Snell & Wilmer's Las Vegas office, who acted as Chair of the art event. "We wanted to showcase fine art created by extremely talented local artists in a gallery-like setting and, at the same time, help three important local charities raise much-needed funds. Our offices are well-suited for this type of event with the Las Vegas Strip providing a beautiful backdrop for the entire evening."

Lorne Cramer presented digital art and riveting, tactile paintings full of movement and texture. Cramer has created designs and developed aesthetics for some of the most well-known properties and spaces in Las Vegas, including Bellagio, Luxor, Rio, Treasure Island, and McCarran International Airport.

Painter Steven Spann contributed signature canvases defined by bold colors, dynamic brush strokes and passionate energy. Spann's works have impacted shows and collections from So Cal to SoHo and abroad, and his murals have brought life throughout Texas, as well as the Andre Agassi Center at Child Haven in Las Vegas.

Evgeni Vodenitcharov provided a number of stirring sculptures and sculpted wall pieces. Vodenitcharov has been working in Las Vegas since 1994, creating large-scale commissioned sculptures for clients such as Universal Studios, MGM MIRAGE, Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino, Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, St. Viator Catholic Church, and many others.

"We are fortunate that Lorne, Steven and Evgeni were available and eager to share their incredible talent," added Stein. "The three of them have exhibited together in the past, and their pieces create a cohesive flow and fusion that really provided an exciting setting for the evening."

Teresa Keegan, a former contestant on Bravo's *Top Designer*, attended the event and agreed. "I believe original artwork is a necessity in the overall design and balance of a space. This event has showcased some of the best local artists I have seen in Las Vegas. I enjoyed the opportunity to talk to the artists directly and hear about the process and vision of their work."

'Paint the Town' is the first in a series of art events sponsored by Snell & Wilmer to recognize area talent and support local charities. The firm is currently reviewing work for new feature artists and planning its next event.

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