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## **VANCOUVER ART GALLERY - 2002 ART AUCTION**



Images (left to right): **Jack Shadbolt**, *Gray Field*, 1990 (detail), donated by Michael O'Brian, **Ed Ruscha**, *The End*, 1991, lithograph, Edition 15/50, donated by the artist and **Rodney Graham**, *City Self/Country Self*, 2001 (detail), donated by the artist.

**Vancouver, BC** – The Vancouver Art Gallery's 2002 Art Auction will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 6pm at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver with 128 works of art offered in both live and silent auctions. This year features work by Canadian artists emerging on the international art scene—Geoffrey Farmer, Damien Moppett, Marcel Dzama—as well as established Vancouver artists such as Gordon Smith, Jack Shadbolt and Gathie Falk.

The Gallery's auction has become a premier fall season event for collectors and art lovers alike. All tickets in previous years have sold out. In 2001, 400 guests attended the auction and bidding raised \$355,000.

"The generosity of donors, artists and commercial galleries demonstrates a tremendous level of support for this Gallery within the community", said Kathleen Bartels, Director, Vancouver Art Gallery. "Guests will have an opportunity to bid on exciting works of art—from Vancouver photoconceptual artists Stan Douglas, Rodney Graham and Roy Arden to celebrated Americans Robert Rauschenberg, Claes Oldenburg, Sam Francis and Ed Ruscha".

The auction will be conducted by Mr Robert Heffel, Vice-President and Auctioneer of Heffel Fine Art Auction House. Non-art items to be auctioned include jewellery, wine and an art excursion to Los Angeles. The evening will commence with 6pm cocktails, followed by dinner, live auction and dancing to the rhythms of 12-piece band *The Dynamics*.

Works that will be part of the Art Auction can be viewed at the Vancouver Art Gallery from Saturday, October 19 to Thursday, October 24. A full colour auction catalogue is available on request.

Proceeds from this event will support the Vancouver Art Gallery's exhibitions and public programs. Tickets are \$225. For further information, to purchase tickets or request a catalogue please call the Vancouver Art Gallery at 604 662 4747 or email [development@vanartgallery.bc.ca](mailto:development@vanartgallery.bc.ca)

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