

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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## **EXTRAORDINARY! Design.Auction.Party**

**Vancouver, BC** – More than 120 exceptional design items sold in both live and silent auctions at the Vancouver Art Gallery's "EXTRAORDINARY! Design. Auction. Party," held Saturday, June 4 at the former Finning factory on Great Northern Way. Live auction proceeds from the eclectic event raised more than \$125,000 for the Gallery's exhibition and education programs.

"The creativity, vision and relentless efforts of the donors, sponsors, EXTRAORDINARY! committee, volunteers and Gallery staff made this event a success," said Rick Graham, EXTRAORDINARY! 2005 Chair. "The event was first-rate from beginning to end and I'm very glad to have played a part in it."

EXTRAORDINARY! set a new benchmark for charity events in Vancouver, with live trapeze artists, underwear models and unusual decor in a converted industrial setting. Designers like Martha Sturdy, Nico Meyer and Rob Studer mingled with guests as they enjoyed food from some of Vancouver's finest restaurants, caterers and specialty food merchants, including Aurora Bistro, Chambar Restaurant, Lumiere, Pastis, Major the Gourmet and many more. With special martini's served by Bombay Sapphire and great music provided by DJs Dan Bacon and Mr. Rumble, a wonderful evening was had by all.

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