

# THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

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THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE ART INSTITUTE TO CELEBRATE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE MODERN WING WITH "EDIFICE COMPLEX" GALA  
Featuring Performance by Redmoon Theater

The Art Institute of Chicago will celebrate the construction of its new **Modern Wing**—designed by world-renowned architect **Renzo Piano** and scheduled to open in Spring 2009—by hosting a spectacular fundraiser for the new building. Entitled "**The Woman's Board is Having an Edifice Complex,**" the event will take place in the museum on **Friday, October 27, 2006**. Renzo Piano is expected to attend as the honored guest for the evening.

Co-chairs for the benefit are Monika Betts (Mrs. Henry B.), Anstiss Krueck (Mrs. Ron), and Brenda Shapiro (Mrs. Earl W.). Ann Grube (Mrs. John P.) is the president of the Woman's Board. Other Woman's Board members who have contributed to this event are Lynn Hummer (Mrs. Philip W.), Anne Krebs (Mrs. Robert D.), Justine Jentes, Madeline Murphy Rabb (Mrs. Maurice F.), and Rita Knox (Mrs. James E.), Maxine Farrell (Mrs. W. James), Karen Gray (Mrs. J. Douglas), and Nancy Nadler (Mrs. Charles F.).

The evening's theme—"We are having an Edifice Complex"—will be dramatically illustrated in the theatrics of Redmoon Theater and in the table designs of Bill Heffernan of Heffernan-Morgan. The museum will be transformed into a visual extravaganza of construction and deconstruction, beginning at the Michigan Avenue entrance and continuing down the length of Gunsaulus Hall. The party begins with a cocktail reception and Redmoon theatrics at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner catered by George Jewell at 8:00 p.m. Approximately

500 guests are expected to attend. Dinner will be served in McKinlock Court under a glowing tent.

### **The Modern Wing**

The Modern Wing, scheduled to open in spring 2009, will in effect be a new museum—increasing the square footage of the Art Institute by 35 percent and adding 260,000 square feet to the museum’s facility. The addition will make the Art Institute the second largest museum in the country, and will be the largest museum building Renzo Piano has ever designed. The Modern Wing will be home to the Art Institute’s collections of modern art and architecture—which are comparable only to those of the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Pompidou Centre in Paris—as well as to the Art Institute’s collection of contemporary art.

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**The Art Institute of Chicago is a museum in Chicago’s Grant Park.**

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