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ART INSTITUTE COMMITTEE ON PHOTOGRAPHY TO HOST OPENING PARTY FOR MAJOR EXHIBITION *SO THE STORY GOES*

Snap Photo Gala on September 15, 2006

Barney/diCorcia/Goldin/Mann/Sultan All to Attend as Honored Guests

Snap, the first gala ever organized by the Art Institute's Photography Department, will be the official opening celebration for the museum's upcoming major exhibition *So the Story Goes* on **September 15, 2006**. The photographers featured in the exhibition—Tina Barney, Philip-Lorca diCorcia, Nan Goldin, Sally Mann, and Larry Sultan—are all expected to attend as the honored guests for the evening. Co-chairs for the gala are Chicago-area community leaders and photo enthusiasts **Bradford L. Ballast, Karen Frank, and Elizabeth Bryan Seebeck**, who are also prominent members of the Committee on Photography at the Art Institute.

Snap begins with a special VIP dinner and auction. Guests will enjoy cocktails and the auction preview at 5:30 p.m.; followed by dinner with the artists featured in *So the Story Goes* at 6:30 p.m.; and concludes with a live auction of photographs conducted by Phillips de Pury & Company at 7:45 p.m. Auction items include photographs by internationally renowned artists Chuck Close, Lee Friedlander, DoDo Jin Ming, Tokihiro Sato, and many others. Tickets for the VIP dinner and auction are \$500; **this portion of the evening is almost sold out.**

The glamorous evening continues with the *So the Story Goes* opening party and preview in the museum beginning at 8:00 p.m. Guests, who are encouraged to dress in Kodacolor® chic, will be treated to Kodacolor® cocktails and sumptuous savories. In addition to being the first in Chicago to see the exhibition, guests will also be able to meet the artists and have their pictures snapped in vintage photobooths and by paparazzi throughout the galleries. Individual tickets to this portion of the evening, the gala reception at the museum from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., are \$125, and can be purchased by calling **(312) 443-7250** or e-mail Ldacquisto@artic.edu. A portion of the proceeds from **Snap** will fund a new endowment for future acquisitions of photographs at the Art Institute of Chicago. For more information, please check out the **Snap** gala Web site: www.artic.edu/snap.

***So the Story Goes* Exhibition**

The Art Institute of Chicago will showcase nearly 200 works by five of the best current photographers—**Tina Barney, Philip-Lorca diCorcia, Nan Goldin, Sally Mann, and Larry Sultan**—whose honest, unflinching images have documented and come to define contemporary life. *So the Story Goes*, on view at the museum's Regenstein Hall **September 16–December 3, 2006**, will offer a focused consideration of how this select group of artists used their own lives as the inspiration for and subject matter of their work from the 1970s through 2006, creating highly personal, shifting, and intriguing visions of their respective private realities. Additionally, this exhibition will celebrate recent important acquisitions made by the Art Institute: the first Larry Sultan to enter the collection, *Mom Posing for Me* (1989); the first Tina Barney to enter the collection, *Jill and Polly in the Bathroom* (1987); and selections from Sally Mann's intimate *Immediate Family* series. The Art Institute is the sole venue for this exhibition.

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