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### **Art Center of Corpus Christi's Annual Fundraiser 8x10 Returns with 2010 From Brush to Bay on November 11<sup>th</sup>**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The Art Center of Corpus Christi kicks off its annual fundraiser 8x10 From Brush to Bay on Thursday, November 11th at 6 p.m. Known as the most fun and inspired fundraiser in Corpus Christi, this year's benefit will feature a final encore performance by celebrity artist Dan Dunn, a delicious spread by Desiree's by the Bay, and live musical sets by "Boots."

8x10 From Brush to Bay 2010 will be the last chance Corpus Christi will get the opportunity to see Dan Dunn perform his spectacular speed-painting performance "PaintJam" in the Meadow's Gallery at The Art Center. People are still raving about Dan's performance at last year's event. His resume includes performances at the 2010 Super Bowl, on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and with Jimmy Kimmel on Late Night. On November 11<sup>th</sup> he will create his one of a kind paintings for a live audience in under five minutes to be auctioned off immediately following.

The 8x10 portion of the event is a savvy art sale and exhibition held in the Meadows Gallery at The Art Center. Over one hundred unique artists from Texas will create 8x10 inch works of art to be displayed anonymously until the art is purchased for \$100 a piece, at which time the artists name will be revealed. The stampede to your favorite piece is initiated with a whistle start at 6:45 p.m. the night of the event.

The evening will include a dinner under the stars in the Art Center's courtyard and delightful drink concoctions all provided by Desiree's by the Bay. Live musical sets by "Boots" will have guests tapping their feet while they dine on fresh seafood and other delectable treats.

All event proceeds will benefit The Art Center's many exhibition and education programs. These include an exhibition schedule that rotates monthly and features the best of local and regional Texas artists along with art education classes and workshops for children, youth and adults.

Individual tickets are now available for \$100 and sponsorship packages for tables of 10 are available at levels of \$1500, \$2500, and \$5000. For more information on securing

tickets, sponsorships, and table reservations please call Dianna Bluntzer at The Art Center at 361-884-6406 or email event planner Margaret Null at margaretnull@gmail.com.

**WHO:** 8x10 Returns with 2010 From Brush to Bay

**WHAT:** The Art Center of Corpus Christi's Annual Fundraiser featuring an 8x10 exhibit and art sale and a live performance by celebrity speed painter Dan Dunn

**WHEN:** November 11th, 2010 – 6 to 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Art Center of Corpus Christi located at 100 Shoreline Boulevard

**WHY:** Dan Dunn's performance is a jaw dropping electrifying 5 minute per painting show. See the 8x10 art stampede in the Meadows Gallery. ([www.paintjam.com](http://www.paintjam.com))

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:** 6:45 p.m. 8x10 Whistle Start. Patrons make a mad dash to pull art tags on their favorite piece. 7:45 p.m. Dan Dunn performs. He will perform 3 five minute 6' by 6' paintings in the Meadows Gallery.

**About the Art Center of Corpus Christi The Art Center of Corpus Christi**

([www.artcentercc.org](http://www.artcentercc.org), (361-884-6406) was founded as a community art center and 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization in 1972. "The Center" provides an environment for creative expression with educational programs and exhibition of the arts. Its facilities include eleven art organizations, five gallery spaces, and studio space for art classes. The Art Center is located at 100 Shoreline Drive on Corpus Christi's historic bay front. Its facilities are available for weddings, receptions, and special events. The Art Center has free admission and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.