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**SITE SANTA FE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS SUMMER GALA:
AUCTION SITE 2009 TO HONOR MARLENE NATHAN MEYERSON**

Leadership includes

Jenny Holzer, Honored Artist

Todd Oldham, Honorary Chairman

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SITE Santa Fe is pleased to present its third contemporary art auction, AUCTION SITE 2009, on June 19/20, the organization's most highly anticipated fundraiser of the year. Proceeds will support SITE's exhibitions, public programs, and educational outreach for 2009. This year's event honors Marlene Nathan Meyerson for her many years of wonderful service to SITE; the distinguished Jenny Holzer is the Honored Artist, and renowned designer Todd Oldham is Honorary Chairman. Jamie Niven, Vice Chairman, Sotheby's will serve as Auctioneer. The event will be held at SITE, located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, in Santa Fe's Railyard district.

A group of significant works of art have been generously donated by contemporary artists including Terry Allen, Darren Almond, Richard Avedon, Lutz Bacher, Barry X Ball, Rina Banerjee, Tanyth Berkeley, Gay Block, Barbara Bloom, Kathy Butterly, Jim Campbell, Suzanne Caporael, Antonia Contro, Louise Dahl-Wolfe, Jim Dine, James Drake, Tim Eitel, Teresita Fernández, Dana Frankfort, Gloria Graham, Angelina Gualdoni, Douglas Kent Hall, Harmony Hammond, Kevin Hanley, Mona Hatoum, Jenny Holzer, Colette Hosmer, James Howell, Kenro Izu, Robert W. Kelly, Nikki S. Lee, David Leigh, Sze Tsung Leong, David Levinthal, the 'Line Drive' Portfolio (featuring works by Terry Allen, John Baldessari, Greg Colson, Robbie Conal, Gajin Fujita, Victor Gastelum, Joe Goode, R.B. Kitaj, Mark Licari, Paul McCarthy, Michael C. McMillen, Raymond Pettibon, and Ed Ruscha), Donald Lipski, Vera Lutter, Nick Mangan, David Marshall, Jason Middlebrook, Andrew Millner, Marilyn Minter, Franco Mondini-Ruiz, Bruce Nauman, Nic Nicosia, Roxy Paine, Jaume Plensa, Orit Raff, Alan Rath, Neo Rauch, Matthew Ritchie, Don Ritter, Michal Rovner, Meridel Rubenstein, Ed Ruscha, Peter Sarkisian, Judith Schaechter, David Schnell, Dana Schutz, Kiki Seror, Susan Silton, Gary Simmons, John F. Simon, Jr., Federico Solmi, Sebastian Spreng, Steina, Toadhouse, Fred Tomaselli, and Matthias Weischer.

World famous designer, Todd Oldham will design the event, from the printed materials to the party itself. Oldham stated: "As a long time fan of SITE Santa Fe, I am very excited to be a part of AUCTION SITE 2009. The evening will be a wonderful celebration of creativity in the arts."

The weekend will kick off on Friday night, June 19 with an Auction Preview at SITE Santa Fe from 5:30 to 7 pm, followed by a series of intimate dinners in private homes. Then on Saturday, June 20, the evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a Preview Reception where guests can bid on works in the silent auction and preview those in the live auction. The live auction will begin at 7 pm, and will include approximately 20 lots of works by leading contemporary artists. A fully illustrated catalogue will be available online and in print in advance of the event. The weekend will be a highlight of the lively Santa Fe summer social season, and, as in previous years, the auction is expected to draw a large number of important contemporary art collectors to town.



Jenny Holzer, *Selection from Survival: Protect me...*, 2006
Danby Imperial white marble footstool
17 x 23 x 15.75 in.; 43.2 x 58.4 x 40 cm. Survival, 1983-85
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Gala Tickets are \$500. The Founder level is \$25,000; Benefactor level is \$10,000; and Underwriter level is \$5,000. There will also be a limited number of \$300 Auction-only tickets. For more information or tickets, please contact SITE Santa Fe at 505-989-1199 x 20 or on the web at www.sitesantafe.org.

SITE Santa Fe Background

SITE Santa Fe is modeled after the European *kunsthalle*, offering the flexibility to bring important exhibitions and innovative programs to the community in a manner both accessible and affordable. SITE has built a reputation for its internationally acclaimed exhibitions and public programs. The New York Times called SITE Santa Fe "The Southwest's premier contemporary art venue."

SITE Santa Fe was launched in 1995 to organize the only international biennial of contemporary art in the U.S. Conceived to bring the global contemporary art dialogue to the art-rich Southwest, and as a major event on par with such renowned exhibitions as the Whitney Biennial and the Venice Biennale, it has become an integral event for art aficionados, attracting tens of thousands of visitors from around the world. To date, SITE Santa Fe has successfully held seven biennials, each of which has drawn worldwide attention. Past Biennial curators are superstars in the world of contemporary art. Following their SITE Santa Fe Biennial guest curatorships, Francesco Bonami (1997), Rosa Martínez (1999) and Robert Storr (2004) were chosen to organize the Venice Biennales in 2003, 2005, and 2007, respectively. Dave Hickey received the coveted MacArthur "Genius Award" after curating SITE's Biennial in 2001.

SITE was the winner of the prestigious International Association of Art Critics/USA 2001-2002 Award for Best Show in a Kunsthalle or Alternative Space for its Fourth International Biennial curated by Dave Hickey in 2001. Its publication *Still Points of the Turning World*, the catalogue accompanying the Sixth International Biennial, curated by Klaus Ottmann, won the coveted AIGA award, *50 Books/50 Covers of 2006*.

In its thirteen-year history, SITE Santa Fe has presented an impressive roster of some 75 ground-breaking exhibitions of more than 460 artists from around the world.

About SITE

SITE Santa Fe is located at 1606 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Winter Hours: Thursday and Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM; Friday, 10 AM-7 PM; Sunday, 12 PM-5 PM; closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Museum admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, teachers, and seniors; members are free. Free admission is offered on Fridays, made possible by a grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston. Tours by SITE Guides are available free of charge to the public with paid admission and are also regularly scheduled on Fridays at 6 pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 pm. SITE Santa Fe gift certificates are available. Call 505.989.1199 for more information.