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TRAVEL + LEISURE LAUNCHES "PROJECT GLOBE: AN ART AUCTION AND EXHIBITION BENEFITING FUTURE GENERATIONS"

- Initiative to Auction Original Works in Support of Future Generations, a Conservation and Community Development Nonprofit -

NEW YORK, NY, August 20, 2008 -- Maya Lin. April Gornik. Eric Boman. Manolo Blahnik. Laurie Simmons. Pat Steir. Fred Wilson. Sylvia Weinstock. These are among the 18 prominent artists, designers, and photographers who have been commissioned by *Travel + Leisure* magazine to create one-of-a-kind works for **Project Globe: An Art Auction and Exhibition Benefiting Future Generations**. A celebration of travel's positive impact on the world, this new initiative from the editors of *T+L* will provide much-needed funding to Future Generations, a nonprofit organization devoted to conservation and community development. Project Globe 2008 kicks-off today with an online auction preview offering early-bidding opportunities at www.tlprojectglobe.com. On September 18, there will be a gala auction event held in partnership with PaceWildenstein and Christie's at GlassHouses in The Chelsea Arts Tower, New York City.

The specially commissioned works including photographs, prints, jewelry and sculptures, will be on display for public viewing at GlassHouses in the Chelsea section of New York City on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20 following the auction event on September 18. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the auction will benefit Future Generations.

Nancy Novogrod, editor-in-chief, *Travel + Leisure* comments, "Like travel, art has a transformative power, and it is a privilege to have the opportunity to bring together these passions so many people share for such a worthy and important cause. We're delighted to partner with *T+L* Global Vision Award winner Future Generations, whose conservation efforts have brought crucial help to communities in some of the world's most extraordinarily beautiful, yet vulnerable regions. We are particularly proud to have been able to enlist such a renowned and talented group of artists and designers for this worthy cause."

Photographer Eric Boman, whose photograph of Manolo Blahnik's shoe created for Project Globe is featured in the auction, shot the auction catalog. His photographs of the works will also be featured in *Travel + Leisure's* October issue. The exhibition and program is curated by Gabriella De Ferrari, a *T+L* contributing editor, art historian, and writer based in New York. *Travel + Leisure's* October Style + Culture issue will be available on newsstands September 23 and online at www.travelandleisure.com. Accessible now, www.tlprojectglobe.com, includes information on the artists, designers, and photographers; their work; and Future Generations initiatives.

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Project Globe 2008 Artists, Designers, + Photographers

- **Manolo Blahnik** – One of the world's most influential footwear designers, Manolo Blahnik has been honored by the Council of Fashion Designers of America and the British Fashion Council six times. He also designed the shoes for the film *Marie Antoinette*, which won an Academy Award for Best Costume Design.
- **Eric Boman** – An internationally renowned photographer whose work has appeared in *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, and *House & Garden*, Eric Boman's images have also graced the covers of numerous books and albums. His book, *Blahnik by Boman*, is a photographic celebration of Manolo Blahnik's work.
- **Constantin and Laurene Leon Boym** – Boym Partners founders Constantin and Laurene Leon Boym have designed for Alessi and Swatch, and created displays for many museums

including the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum. Their “Babel Blocks”—celebrating the people of New York City—were most recently featured in the “Design and the Elastic Mind” exhibition at New York’s Museum of Modern Art. For Project Globe, they created a 16-inch *Babel Globe* cube.

- **Monica Castiglioni** – Monica Castiglioni is a Milanese jewelry designer known for her limited-edition bronze and silver rings, necklaces, pendants, and bracelets that utilize big, bold, architectural designs.
- **Sandro Chia** - As part of the Italian Neo-Expressionist “Transavanguardia” movement, Sandro Chia has exhibited in the most prestigious museums and galleries in the world. His sculptures have been acquired by the Italian State for the permanent collection of the Italian Senate, and by the Province of Rome for its headquarters.
- **April Gornik** – Painter April Gornik’s work is featured in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C., the High Museum of Art in Atlanta as well as other major public and private collections.
- **Gabriella Kiss** – Gabriella Kiss is a sculptor-turned-jewelry designer whose hand-carved and metal-fabricated designs are often influenced by nature.
- **Maya Lin** – Maya Lin is a renowned American artist known for her architectural projects, public works, and studio-based sculptures, prints, and drawings. Her most prominent works are the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Civil Rights Memorial monument in Montgomery, Alabama.
- **Florent Morellet** – French artist Florent Morellet’s “imagined maps” donned the walls of his eponymous, and legendary, New York City restaurant.
- **Rebecca Riley** – Rebecca Riley is a New York-based painter who works primarily in oil and acrylic on canvas, and with a variety of media on paper. Her work is in numerous private collections in the United States, Canada, France, and Germany.
- **Laurie Simmons** – Conceptual artist Laurie Simmons’s work is featured in the permanent collections of a dozen museums all over the world including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, and the Hara Museum in Tokyo.
- **Matt Solomon** – Ceramicist Matt Solomon’s work and vision are frequently informed by nature. He has shown at the New York Design Fair, the New York Ceramics Fair, and the Neuberger Museum of Art in Purchase, NY.
- **Pat Steir** – Since her first solo exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. in 1973, acclaimed American painter Pat Steir’s career has included more than 150 one-person shows in galleries and museums in the United States, Europe, and Japan. Steir also makes installation work and is an accomplished printmaker.
- **Dayanita Singh** – New Delhi-based photographer Dayanita Singh is known for her portraits of middle and upper-class families in India. Her artwork is exhibited worldwide in galleries and museums such as the Tate Modern in London, the Asian Arts Museum in San Francisco, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, in Boston.
- **Fred Wilson** – Acclaimed artist Fred Wilson’s work has been a part of over 100 group exhibitions and many public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, The Seattle Art Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. One of his solo exhibits, *Fred Wilson, Objects and Installations*, toured the United States for three years traveling to eight different venues across the country.
- **Sylvia Weinstock** – Celebrated cake designer Sylvia Weinstock is known for beautiful, fresh, artistic cakes for every imaginable type of occasion.
- **Facundo de Zuviria** – Buenos Aires-based photographer Facundo de Zuviria’s images are based in the urban landscape and are infused with irony and wit. His work is in the collections of the Fine Arts Museum of Buenos Aires, the Museum of Modern Art in Rio de Janeiro, the National Library in Paris, and in many private collections in Argentina and the United States.

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