

Hickok Cole Raises 110K for Washington Art Scene

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Participating artist Diana Adams.

Washington, D.C.-based **Hickok Cole Architects** recently raised a record \$110,000 at their annual Art Night show, with post-event sales expected to reach \$120,000. The 650 attendees comprised the city's top art patrons and buyers, all treated to works in variety of mediums that were especially curated by Judy Sherman, proprietor of **J. Fine Art**.

The annual juried art show benefits the **Washington Project for the Arts (WPA)**, which offers resources and essential support to regional artists. All participating artists received 50 percent of the sale price, while the other 50 was donated to the WPA.



Left: Michael Crossett, participating artist, and guest. Right: Marilyn Mendell, President, WinSpin CIC; Michael Hickok, sr. principal, Hickok Cole Architects; Lisa Gold, executive director, WPA; Judy Sherman, proprietor, J. Fine Art; Yolanda Cole, sr. principal, Hickok Cole Architects.

This year's top-selling works, a sculpture by **Joseph Corcoran** and a mixed-media on canvas by **Joan Belmar**, went for \$4,000 each. The event, now in its thirteenth year, has raised over \$500,000 for WPA and local artists.



"Reaching" by Joseph Corcoran (vinyl, blown glass and neon) and "Panoramic" by Joan Belmar (acrylic, gouache and ink on canvas) each sold for \$4,000.

As icing on the cake, each year Hickok Cole principals Michael Hickok and Yolanda Cole buy a new piece of art for the firm's office. Following an employee vote, this year's purchase was an abstract acrylic and graphite on linen by **Heather Day**. While the event only lasts a night, those lucky Hickok Cole employees get to work year round surrounded by the art they themselves selected.

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