The Saint Louis University Museum of Art and Stray Rescue of St. Louis Present: Urban Wanderers - March 22 — May 5

Submitted by Mary Marshall, Marketing Coordinator for University Museums and Galleries

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art is pleased to partner with Stray Rescue of St. Louis to host the fourth installment of Urban Wanderers, a fundraising art exhibition to directly benefit Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

The exhibition opens with a 5:30 p.m. reception on Friday, March 22 and continues through Sunday, May 5.

This heartwarming exhibition features professional works of art inspired by Stray Rescue’s companion animals. Urban Wanderers has gained a reputation for not only being unique and inspirational, but also for attracting well-respected artists exhibiting on regional, national and international levels. These artists paint, photograph and sculpt a Stray Rescue dog or cat that has been abandoned, abused or neglected, and shelter dogs will create works of “arf,” using their paws, tails and noses. The theme of the 2013 Urban Wanderers exhibition will be “The Plight of the Street Dog.”

“All those we rescue have important stories to tell, and telling these stories through art has proven to be a captivating way to show the reality of what homeless companion animals face on a daily basis,” said Randy Grim, founder of Stray Rescue. “The event also draws attention to how shelter animals enrich people’s lives and make the greatest companions – it’s truly one-of-a-kind.”

All art displayed in the exhibition will be available through an online auction. Bidding will begin on Friday, March 22, and 100 percent of the funds raised directly benefit Stray Rescue of St. Louis.

Urban Wanderers provides Stray Rescue with the opportunity to present the public with facts regarding the plight of abused and abandoned dogs and also highlights the tremendous amount of progress the organization has made in recent years to make St. Louis a safer, more compassionate city for its citizens and the rescued companion animals that have been given a second chance, and in some instances, a first chance, to be fed, sheltered and loved.

About the Urban Wanderers “Spokes-pup”

Each year, a loveable dog rescued by Stray Rescue of St. Louis is chosen to be the “face” or the “spokes-pup” of the Urban Wanderers exhibition. Meet our 2013 spokes-pup, O.P. (Optimus Prime, from the Transformers franchise)!

In late September 2012, Stray Rescue saved O.P., an amazingly sweet dog, after his bullet-riddled body was found in a trash container. He had been shot at least 12 times, and an electrical cord was tightly wrapped around his neck.

For weeks after the rescue, O.P. received intensive medical treatment at Stray Rescue’s trauma center and Veterinary Specialty Services. Due to a bullet lodged near his spine, he lost the use of the lower half of his body. After a miraculous recovery, and aided by a customized cart, the sweet dog was given the name, O.P. by Stray Rescue founder Randy Grim. The ever-determined O.P. now resides with Randy and his extended family of Stray Rescue brothers and sisters.

For more information, please visit sluma.slu.edu or call 977.2666.
Advancement Division Holiday Party/"Murder Mystery" Dinner
Submitted by Lynda Signorino, Administrative Assistant, Sr. for VP-University Advancement

University Advancement held a "Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre" at their holiday party on Dec. 20, 2012 in the Sinquefield Stateroom. Advancement's associate director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Michele Oesch, wrote an entire play about a fictional "global philanthropist, I.M. Cash," who was "murdered in Pere Marquette" just before he was due to speak about philanthropy in Sinquefield State Room here at SLU. The rest of the play was acted out by several main characters (listed below), and each of the rest of the Advancement staff was assigned to play and dress as a side character who either witnessed or overheard conversations of the main characters.

The objective was to guess who the murderer was, after asking questions of the main characters (who all KNEW who the murderer was) as to their whereabouts on certain dates and times and asking each other what they heard or saw on the day before and day of "the murder."

Michele Oesch played the chief detective, Shirley Locke-Holmes, who emceed us through the dinner theater event, interviewing people and announcing clues to the group as the facts unfolded. The other main "Murder Mystery Players" were:

- **Matt White**, executive director of SLU's Medical Center development, who played Rocco Terrorino, I.M. Cash's newly-fired bodyguard, who was fired for embezzling from Cash, but still stood to inherit from the will because he hadn't been cut out yet.
- **Laura Geiser**, assistant. VP-Marketing & Creative Svcs., who played Jessie-Nell Cash, I.M. Cash's illegitimate, long-lost daughter who popped up to claim her inheritance.
- **Lynda Signorino**, sr. admin. assistant. to the VP-Advancement, who played Fiona Dunbar, ex-wife of I.M. Cash, who tried and failed to get money from Cash to re-launch her acting career (and who turned out to be the "murderer")!
- **Annelise Pivin**, assistant. director of Alumni Relations, who played Mona Heart, Cash's young and ditzy "personal secretary and loyal companion," who stood to inherit most of Cash's money and possessions unless she betrayed Cash, in which case it would pass to illegitimate daughter Jessie-Nell in his estate.
- **Tom Vincent**, manager of Gift Processing & Records, who played Thaddeus Jackson, a politician who would inherit from Cash's will ONLY IF he supported legislation that I.M. Cash wanted to have passed.

We all had a great time and solved the mystery "murder." (Fiona did it in Pere Marquette by knocking Cash out with his cane and then strangling him with Mona's scarf, which she conveniently left at the scene of the crime to throw suspicion on Mona.)

Shoe Drive Standing
Submitted by Yvonne McCool, Grants Development Specialist of Admin. Nursing

Saint Louis University and Washington University continue the battle of the boot in efforts to collect shoes for the Shoeman Water Project. Highlights of this competition include:

- Saint Louis University has turned in 1,092 pairs of shoes for a total of 1,402 pounds of shoes since the race began November 15, 2012.
- Wool Center is in the lead by 81 pairs of shoes, with School of Nursing in second place.
- Drummond Hall is in third place and Doisy Research Center is currently in fourth place.
- Wool Center received the "flip flop" award for leading the month in shoe collections with December's total (117 pairs) and January's total of 121 pairs.

Please keep donating shoes and help SLU change lives, one sole at a time. For more information contact Yvonne McCool at ymccoolm@slu.edu

Cardinals and SLU

Join SLU employees at the Cardinals game on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 3:15 p.m.. A block of seats have been reserved at a group discount rate of $25 (Section 333, right field pavilion). George the Shoeman from the Shoeman Water Projects will be throwing the first pitch for the game.

If you're interested, please e-mail Yvonne McCool at ymccoolm@slu.edu.
Congratulations to Dary Costa, Assistant Professor for Otolaryngology, on his engagement to Courtney Maguire, MD, on December 15, 2012. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Robert L. McNair Jr., Grants Administrator for the Center for Sustainability, and his wife, Katherine, for the birth of their son, Robert William McNair. Robert was born on October 25, 2012 and was 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Anna Knobeloch, Research Assistant, Sr. for Comparative Medicine, and her husband, Bill, for the birthday of their daughter, Sophia Norine Knobeloch. Sophia was born on October 8, 2012 and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 in. long.

Congratulations to Gerald Hicks, Public Safety Officer in the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and his wife, Shannon Hicks, on the birth of their twins, Clayton and Judith Marie. The twins were born January 28, 2013 at St. Luke's Hospital at 4:11 a.m.

Kathleen Hargrave, Manager/Chief Investigator for Forensic Pathology, along with her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of their first child, Aubrey Lynn Hargrave. Aubrey Lynn arrived into the world on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 and weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 in. in length. Welcome to this world Miss Aubrey Lynn!

Mary Brutcher, Office Assistant in the Pastoral Care Department, announces the birth of her first granddaughter, Samantha Michelle Brutcher. Samantha was born on January 22, 2013. All are doing well.

SLUCare at Des Peres Medical Arts is proud to announce the retirement of our beloved co-worker, Jan Hotop, after ten years of loyal service as a PMO Sr. Patient Coordinator.

We celebrated this happy time with Jan by having a pot-luck dinner and gathering some of her former/current co-workers for a final farewell to Saint Louis University.

Jan will be missed here at Des Peres as she begins her retirement.
The Anthropology Club at Saint Louis University wishes to extend a big “Thank you” to all who contributed to the collection drive during the fall semester. School supplies and winter wear were donated by faculty, students and staff throughout the College of Arts and Sciences and we were able to send six large boxes of materials to several American Indian Pueblos in the American Southwest.

The recipients (children and adults) were delighted to receive the supplies and our students had a wonderful time sorting through and dividing up the school supplies and wrapping the scarves, gloves, and hats in holiday paper. As usual, there was no lack of delicious snack foods (prepared by Anthropology Club members) to keep our energy levels up!

Thanks again to all who contributed or assisted in the drive. Be looking for an announcement in the fall as we repeat, and hopefully expand, the call for donations.
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If your hunt is successful and you find all the right answers to the questions by **February 15**, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate to some local eateries around campus. To begin, click on the [link](http://www.facebook.com/SLUHRHOME). Good luck!

**The next 24/7 scavenger hunt will begin on Monday, February 18th!**

Stay tuned!!!

The MOVE Committee celebrated SLU Spirit Day with Family and Community Medicine and Dermatology in December. Blue Santa tagged along to spread SLU Spirit and holiday cheer. The MOVE Committee then celebrated with International Services in January. The group did an awesome job with the SLU Shuffle!