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TABLE OF ELEMENTS 2010:
TRANSFORMING EVERYDAY LIFE THROUGH ART
AT MANCHESTER CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD

Pittsburgh, PA, January 2010—Bill Strickland and Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) cordially invite you to an evening of art, friends, food, music and fun to benefit youth arts education at MCG. **Join us on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to share in the vision of transforming everyday life through art.**

Building on the success of the 2008 event, MCG is proud to announce ***Table of Elements 2010*** (on view at MCG from February 22 – April 8) to again honor artists' contributions to making ordinary experiences extraordinary.

MCG is grateful to more than 80 nationally and regionally recognized artists who have contributed over 100 works to the exhibition. On display will be ceramics by widely collected artists like **Ed Eberle, Robert Briscoe, Suze Lindsay** and **Nick Joerling**. This year's exhibition will also include prints, photographs and paintings—some of which have been provided through collections of **Artists Image Resource** and painter **Glen Brunken**. Works on view in MCG's gallery will be available for sale beginning February 24 with proceeds benefiting MCG Youth & Arts programs.

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild's roots were planted when art teacher and mentor, Frank Ross, inspired in Bill Strickland not just a love of pottery but also a sense of possibility born from the power of creative achievement. The persistent hope nurtured by this relationship inspired the foundation of social entrepreneurship on which MCG continues to influence and shape people around the world. Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) Youth & Arts is excited to present this exhibition and benefit event to celebrate and raise support for the role of art in developing bonds, friendships, and teaching and learning that take place around the table.

The March 19th reception will offer an exclusive buying opportunity during which the ***Table of Elements 2010*** exhibition will be expanded beyond the gallery to adorn tables in the dining hall. The expanded showcase will remain up on **Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** for a **public art sale**.

MCG's model blends arts, education, community, and enterprise to empower young people to reveal their brilliance and resiliency. ***Table of Elements*** is an opportunity to bring together all of these components into one occasion commemorating the role that beautiful objects—whether practical, decorative, expressive or conceptual in intent—play in the creation of special places and moments.

All visitors will enjoy the dazzling display of ceramic tableware complemented by two-dimensional pieces, which have been created by accomplished artists whose works are also included in collections at institutions like The Archie Bray Foundation, Carnegie Museum of Art, Roger Corsaw Collection of functional American Ceramics at Alfred University, and Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum in Taiwan, to name a few.

Benefit Reception Admission: \$25 (advance), \$30 (after March 18th). Visit www.manchesterguild.org or call Brittany Colatrella at 412-322-1773 Ext. 378 for more information or to make reservations. Gallery open to the public with no admission fee: Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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About MCG Youth & Arts

Founded in 1968 by Bill Strickland, MCG Youth & Arts' nationally recognized and acclaimed year-round programs educate, inspire and support positive change among Pittsburgh youth by engaging students and their communities in learning through visual arts.

In collaboration with the Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) and with support from various grants, foundations and individual donations, MCG Youth & Arts is a center for arts and learning that serves approximately 2,000 individual students in grades 5–12 annually. Additionally, MCG Youth & Arts hosts a number of opportunities for educators and the community, and offers public access to its two galleries at no cost. MCG is a subsidiary of Manchester Bidwell Corporation. Learn more at www.manchesterguild.org.

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