

Sotheby's showcases Two By Two art

Next month's Two By Two for AIDS and Art is not just the coolest, most intimate black-tie gala in Dallas, it's also got a national reputation. This week, Sotheby's auction house is showing 38 of the 128 works that will be auctioned in Dallas at its uptown location in Manhattan. The "Two By Two Highlights" exhibit will be on display until Friday.

Absentee bidding will be available at the Oct. 23 gala, so if you're not one of the 400-plus people attending the event, you can still bid.

Last Thursday night, Sotheby's was the scene of a cocktail reception for about 200 people to preview the works hosted by art collectors and Two By Two supporters **Amy and John Phelan** and **Amanda and Glenn Furhman**.

Among the familiar faces in the crowd were **Cindy and Howard Rachofsky**, who will once again open their Preston Hollow estate for Two By Two. Others present were Two By Two gala co-chair **Suzanne Droese** and her husband, **David**, Two By Two art co-chair **Derek Wilson** with his wife, **Christen**, and Dallas Museum of Art trustee **Clint Carlson**.

Among the pieces up for sale are four works by artists who installed art for the massive (and impressive) Cowboys Stadium Art Program. They are **Franz Ackermann**, **Matthew Ritchie**, **Gary Simmons** and **Wayne Gonzales**. Also up for sale are works by **April Gornik**, **Peter Doig** and **Cecily Brown**, who've all received awards in past years at Two By Two.

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Museum of Art and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR).

Director consults Fed

Film producer **Jon Avnet** (*Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Risky Business*) is in Dallas taking a turn behind the camera. He's here directing *Lone Star*, which debuts tonight on Fox. Jon was spotted dining with his stars, **Jon Voight** and **James Wolk**, at Charlie Palmer in the Joule downtown.

Avnet is also getting to know the mercantile side of Dallas, dining at Tillman's Roadhouse with Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas prez **Richard Fisher**. Avnet appeared to enjoy **Sara Tillman's** blood red margaritas.

Avnet and his wife, **Barbara**, provide a home away from home in LaLa Land for Fisher's actor son, **Miles Fisher**, currently filming his first lead role in the 3-D *Final Destination 5*.

About-townners

Designer **Elizabeth Robertson** dined at Café Pacific Saturday to see how her remodel of the venerable Highland Park restaurant was being received. Compliments flowed from other tables as she dined with car dealer and former SMU board chair **Carl Sewell** and his wife, **Peggy**, and construction machinery dealer **Robert Nichols** and his wife, **Beverly**.