



A fashionable fete inspired by Truman Capote's celebrated masquerade ball of 1966, the Black & White Gala will launch Charlotte's season of giving in style on Thursday, November 5. For the seventh year, Young Affiliates of the Mint will continue this wonderful tradition with event proceeds benefiting The Mint Museum's educational and outreach programs for children.

The Black & White Gala brings together Charlotte's young professionals and showcases the warmth and caring spirit of the city. The event will be held in Uptown Charlotte and will feature live entertainment and an exclusive VIP area. Guests will also enjoy a silent auction, featuring luxury items from local merchants.

**Date/Time** – Thursday, November 5, 2009 – 7 to 11 p.m.

**Location** – Holiday Inn Charlotte Center City - 230 N. College Street, Charlotte, NC

**Ticket Prices** – Regular: \$60 member, \$75 non-member – Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and live entertainment  
VIP: \$90 member, \$100 non-member includes the above plus full open bar, access to exclusive VIP area, chance to win a one-night stay at the hotel with breakfast for two, specialty desserts and swag bag (first 100 guests to purchase VIP tickets)

#### **About the Young Affiliates of the Mint – [www.youngaffiliates.org](http://www.youngaffiliates.org)**

The Young Affiliates of the Mint is a group of diverse young professionals ages 21 to 45 who promote and support the Mint Museum of Art and the Mint Museum of Craft + Design through educational, volunteer, leadership and social opportunities. Started in 1990, the Young Affiliates serve as the premier social arts organization for young professionals in the Charlotte area. All proceeds generated through fundraising efforts of the Young Affiliates support programs and exhibitions at The Mint Museum.

#### **About The Mint Museum's Initiatives for Children**

The Mint Museum enriches and impacts the lives of thousands of children through school programs and tours, teacher training and community outreach projects designed to spark the curiosity and creativity of Charlotte's children. Each summer, nearly 200 children ages 3 to 17 come to the museum for Summer Art Camps where they journey through the imagination and the five senses. Classes begin in the galleries where participants learn about the media and techniques used to create original works of art. Then students explore hands-on art activities in both flat and sculptural processes.

Proceeds from Black & White 2009 will provide scholarships to children to allow them to attend summer art camp tuition-free. Scholarship recipients are identified by artists in residence at local schools, through after school outreach programs and nominations by jurors in local and regional arts competitions. Classes include a diverse range of offerings from basic drawing and elementary clay classes to those for youth interested in pursuing a fine arts career.

Through the generous support of Black & White by the Charlotte community, even more budding artists will have the opportunity to explore and enhance their ability and creativity through these unique summer offerings.

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