



# News Release

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## *Twilight in the Garden* CARRABBA'S COOKS FOR ART

**September 12, 2004, 4:00-7:30 p.m.** at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts and its surrounding gardens

**Carrabba's Italian Grill** will provide culinary delights for **Kresge Art Museum's *Twilight in the Garden*** on Sunday, September 12 at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts. The art of nationally known, locally-based artists will be highlighted, as will an exciting array of items for auction.

**Carrabba's**, located at 6540 W. Saginaw Highway in Lansing, features fresh, handmade Italian dishes served in a warm and festive atmosphere. *Twilight* guests may enjoy such house specialties as chicken marsala, homemade pasta topped with fresh sauces and the sumptuous Sogno Di Cioccolata "Chocolate Dream." In addition to the generosity of Carrabba's Italian Grill, **General Motors Corporation, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network, Dart Foundation**, and other sponsors have generously stepped forward to underwrite the event.

**Carrabba's** culinary artistry will be matched by the featured art of sculptor **Mark Chatterley**, painter **John Felsing** and watercolorist **Margaret Meade-Turnbull** and music of the **Geriatric Six Plus One, MSU Jazz Band I**, and **Charlotte Sanford** accompanied by **Liudmila Bondar**. Silent and live auctions will feature art, trips, jewelry, food, wine, personal services and sporting events for bid. Among the evening's auction items are:

- Original drawing by **John Felsing**, 2004 Featured artist
- Three signed, numbered **Roy Thomas** prints
- Ruby and diamond ring and earrings, worn by **Governor Jennifer Granholm**, an honorary chair of the event
- Two round trip airline tickets to Las Vegas
- Two round trip airline tickets donated by **Capital City Airport**
- Stays at the Inn at **Black Star Farms**, an award winning Michigan winery
- Tickets to a variety of **MSU** sporting events
- Gourmet food and wine offerings, including selections donated by **Goodrich Shoprite**

"*Twilight in the Garden* will feature over 100 items up for bid," says **Steve Horne**, auction coordinator. "We have been wonderfully supported by our friends and local businesses and are thrilled with the diversity of auction items donated for the event."

A preview of auction items is also available online at [www.artmuseum.msu.edu](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu) All the proceeds from *Twilight* go to the Kresge Art Museum Facilities Fund to benefit the planned \$11 million expansion. Expansion will allow more of the 7,000 works in the permanent collection to be displayed and will also attract important traveling exhibitions, which currently bypass mid-Michigan for other venues. For additional information, visit [www.artmuseum.msu.edu](http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu) or call **517/353-9834**.

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