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For Immediate Release; ArtPrize Artist Meet and Greet Scheduled for October 1, 2011

(Grand Rapids, MI) An ArtPrize open house focused on making sure no artist is left behind is scheduled for Saturday October 1, 2011 with appetizers, caricatures, artist demonstrations, and an art scavenger hunt.

On Saturday October 1 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Baker Tent Rental and Alternatives in Motion will be hosting an artist meet and greet to showcase the venue's twenty registered ArtPrize entries. There will be light appetizers, a caricatures artist, free art give away, and an art scavenger hunt offering a limited number of free tickets to The Haunt.

In addition the venue has invited other artists to display their work in a "No Artist Left Behind Tent" on Saturday October 1 and Sunday October 2 located in the venue parking lot. "After we finished the hosting agreements with our 20 official ArtPrize artists we realized how many people had registered for ArtPrize but couldn't connect with a venue in time to be in the competition. Even though these people can't get votes towards the overall competition, we wanted to give them an opportunity to showcase their artwork to the public," said Amber Karsies of Baker Tent & Party Rental.

Matt Chapman, the Director of Marketing and Special Events for Alternatives in Motion says, "We wanted to do something a little extra special for the Artprize visitors and artists who come to our venue. Although we are further from downtown, we are considered a "high-density venue" and visitors won't be disappointed with the quality of artwork on display here."

All visitors to this venue are encouraged to enter the free art giveaway raffle where they will have the chance to win one of 15 pieces of artwork donated by the venue's 20 artists. The drawing will take place after the official closing of ArtPrize and winners will be notified by phone or email.

Alternatives in Motion and Baker Tent & Party Rental are located at 201 Matilda NE, just a few blocks north of the Spectrum Health Butterworth campus. The venue has it's own parking lot open for ArtPrize guests and is minutes away from the downtown area. For more information on this event or if you are an artist interested in showcasing your work in the "No Artist Left Behind" tent, please contact Amber Karsies at (616) 454-8505 or by email at ambercampbell@bakertentrental.com

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