

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AIDS PROJECT (WNCAP)
ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
RAISE YOUR HAND AUCTION**

**CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSION FOR
PRESTEGIOUS SIGNATURE PIECE**

The Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP) announced this week the plans for its 2009 Raise Your Hand auction. This year's auction will be held on October 31, at the Deerpark Inn on The Biltmore Estate. The plans for this year's auction are well underway, and the energy builds as the local art community rallies to contribute to this special fundraiser for WNCAP, which provides HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs as well as case-managed care for clients already affected by HIV in WNC.

The Raise Your Hand auction has a tradition of featuring a **“Signature Piece”** of art at the event. Not only does this art take precedent at the auction, but it will be featured on all printed collateral including posters, advertising & marketing materials, and the program cover. Last year's signature piece painting entitled “The Prophet” was crafted by Asheville artist, Stephen Janton. The featured artist will also receive two free tickets to the auction, and all entries will have their art displayed on the WNCAP website with a link to their own gallery or website.

Now is the time for the Western North Carolina art community to submit their art to be a candidate for the prestigious 2009 Signature Piece – all entries must be in by August 1, 2009.

Contact WNCAP office at 258-3068 now to announce your entry.