



Alan Peppard on John Sughrue, Chris Byrne, Loyd Taylor, Paxton Gremillion and others

12:00 AM CST on Monday, January 19, 2009

By ALAN PEPPARD / The Dallas Morning News apeppard@dallasnews.com apeppard@dallasnews.com

By launching next month's Dallas Art Fair, developer **John Sughrue** and art dealer **Chris Byrne** hope to create an international art destination similar to London's Frieze Art Fair and Art Basel in Switzerland.

John's Fashion Industry Gallery (f.i.g.) will be the site of the Feb. 6-8 Dallas Art Fair showing contemporary art of 35 top-tier galleries from 12 U.S. cities.

The must-attend event is the invitation-only Feb. 5 sneak preview benefiting Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Among the artists whose work will be displayed are Sol LeWitt, **Chuck Close**, Joan Mitchell (who once was married to **Alan Greenspan**), **Damien Hirst** and Rufino Tamayo.

Founding sponsor Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek will provide eats, while presenting sponsor Moet Hennessy provides drinks.

Art Fair symposia

During Dallas Art Fair weekend, two symposiums are planned: One at Neiman Marcus downtown (Neiman's also is a founding sponsor) and a second at f.i.g.

Dallas art collector **Marguerite Hoffman** will be joined at the symposiums by art luminaries such as former Whitney Biennial curator **Klaus Kertess**, art dealer **John Berggruen**, Pace Prints president **Dick Solomon**, Detroit's Museum of Contemporary Art board chair **Julie Taubman**, and American Visionary Art Museum founder **Rebecca Hoffberger**.

For tickets and info, go to www.dallasartfair.com.