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Dear Friends,

I am very excited to announce that **Michael Oatman**, an artist and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) professor, will be honored for his contribution to arts in our community at this year's **Work of Art cocktail party and art auction on Wednesday, November 7th, from 5:30 to 8:00PM**. Guests will enjoy fine fare by Mazzone Catering and live music while exploring the galleries. The silent auction will feature works by contemporary artists, continuing the Institute's support of our area's vibrant community of regional artists. Proceeds from the auction are shared between the Albany Institute and the artists, encouraging generations of art creators to thrive.

Please consider joining the Honorary Committee for the 7th annual Work of Art event, to support the museum and celebrate Michael Oatman and the arts scene in the Capital Region. As an Honorary Committee member you will be listed in the invitation and program and receive a ticket to the event.

Michael Oatman calls his practice "the poetic interpretation of documents", working with videos, and large scale collages. He joined the faculty of the School of Architecture at RPI in 1999, and previously taught at Phillips Academy, Harvard University, University at Albany and others. While at the School of Architecture at RPI, Oatman has been actively involved in the PIP (Production, Installation, Performance) Studio, as well as many popular courses and programs.

Thank you for helping to make this event a success by joining the Honorary Committee. Please respond by returning the enclosed form before September 13th to be included on the invitation. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Work of Art event.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamms K. Groft" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Tamms Groft
Executive Director