



The International Trauma-Healing Institute

A non-profit organization dedicated to global trauma healing

Self-Portraits by Joanna Cassidy, Penny Marshall, Julie Kavner and Many More Go on Ebay, Wednesday, June 16 as part of ITI's Fundraising Efforts



Los Angeles - International Trauma-Healing Institute Founder Gina Ross today announced the foundation's participation with Joanna Cassidy and other leading women in the entertainment industry who have created special self-portraits as part of *Menopause The Musical*TM's charitable visual art collection, *40 Fabulous Faces*. A celebration of women over the age of 40, the artwork is available for sale via a special charitable auction on eBay. The auction begins **Wednesday, June 16**. The public is invited to view the wonderful items available at http://search.ebay.com/40-Fabulous-Faces_W0QQsokeywordredirectZ1QQfromZR8.

Accomplished actress and ITI board member and supporter Joanna Cassidy has created a unique photography self-portrait for the event, with all proceeds from her artistic work supporting the programs of ITI www.traumainstitute.org and its mission to promote peace at the local, national and international levels by bringing awareness of trauma as a root cause of suffering, conflict, and violence and to the resources available for trauma's resolution and healing. Best known for her film work, Joanna currently has a recurring role on HBO's award-winning television program "Six Feet Under."

"We are so pleased to have Joanna Cassidy's participation in this event and for her generous creative contribution to International Trauma-Healing Institute," said Gina Ross. "We are thrilled to be included in this diverse and accomplished group of women – women who embrace their beauty and talents at this exciting stage in their lives. We hope our supporters will encourage everyone to bid."

"This work probably would have taken a year to do it justice," says Joanna, "but instead I attacked it fast and furious. I loved doing it. The result is a self-conscious collage. I can't analyze it. I'll leave it up to the buyer. There is something there, though."

Additional participating artists and their chosen charities include:

Frances Fisher
Grace Slick

Sherman Oaks Hospital Foundation
Physicians for Responsible Medicine

Jo Beth Williams
Joanna Cassidy

Futures for Children
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Julie Kavner
Kathy Najimy
Lainie Kazan
Linda Gray
Melissa Manchester
Penny Marshall
Phyllis Diller
Renee Taylor
Roseanne Barr
Rosie O'Donnell
Rue McClanahan
Sally Kellerman
Suzanne Somers
Virginia Madsen

V-Day
John Kerry for President
Variety Children's Charity
Face to Face
Project Angel Food
A Place Called Home
Childhelp
Doctors Without Borders
Children of the Night
Creative Visions Foundation
Tiger Haven, Inc.
Hereditary Disease Foundation
Children's Diabetes Foundation
Wonderland Ave. Elementary

Most participants created their self-portraits on a 16"x16" canvas using such materials as pastels, paints, crayons, markers and color pencils or other media. *40 Fabulous Faces* is an extension of *Menopause The Musical*™'s *40X40* exhibit.

Additional information about ITI can be found at www.traumainstitute.org and additional information about the auction and "Menopause The Musical" at www.menopausethemusical.com. Information about Joanna Cassidy and her career is available at www.joannacassidy.com.