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Charity Art Auction in recognition of Women in Horror Month

Second annual Cara Gasper Memorial Art Auction benefits Animal Rescue League

Pittsburgh, PA – February 6, 2010 – February marks the inaugural Women in Horror Month, and female horror artists and icons will be the theme of the second annual Cara Gasper Memorial Art Auction.

The event will be held February 27 from 7 PM to 10 PM at Human Production Gallery in Bethel Park, PA. Net proceeds will benefit the Animal Rescue League of Western PA. Admission is free and there will be complimentary refreshments. The event is open to all ages.

Auction items will be donated by friends of Cara, a local artist who passed away in 2008, and members of the local arts and crafts community. The main focus is women in horror but all donations regardless of genre will be accepted. The format will be a silent auction with “buy now” pricing for patrons wishing to bypass the bidding process. Buy Now will end at 8:30 PM and the silent auction bidding will close at 9:30 PM.

Artists wishing to donate auction items should contact Andrea Parkowski at maryvicar@gmail.com. Submissions are due by February 20 and must be ready to hang or display.

In addition, raffle tickets will be sold at the event for prize drawings including horror themed items such as DVD's and books as well as a pair of weekend passes to Horror Realm™, Pittsburgh's modern horror convention which takes place September 17-19, 2010.

Cash or product donations such as toys, blankets or pet food will also be accepted on behalf of ARL - however, due to space limitations, it is suggested that large items (such as bags of dry food more than 10 pounds) be taken directly to the ARL at 6620 Hamilton Avenue in East Liberty (15206).

Human Production Gallery is located at 2704 South Park Road in Bethel Park (15102). There is free off street parking located behind the building and the venue is less than one block from the South Park Road light rail transit (“the T”) stop.

For more information on the auction, visit www.horrorrealmcon.com or email info@horrorrealmcon.com.

About Animal Rescue League:

The Animal Rescue League of Western PA's mission is to provide temporary shelter, food, medical attention, and comfort to all abandoned, neglected and injured animals brought to us by the community; to restore lost animals to their owners or seek new homes for them, and to educate the public about the humane care of animals with a goal of reducing overpopulation. ARL is located at 6620 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Phone: 412-661-6452. Web site: www.animalrescue.org.

About Women in Horror Month:

Women in Horror Month, debuting in 2010, is the creation of Hannah Neurotica, editor of *Ax Wound* (www.axwoundzine.com), an online magazine designed to bring to light and facilitate discussion of issues of gender in the horror/slasher/gore genre.

About Horror Realm™:

Horror Realm™ is Pittsburgh's modern horror convention. The 2010 convention takes place September 17-19 at the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South. Please visit www.horrorrealmcon.com for more information.

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