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# ***TREASURES OF GAY ART***

## **New Leslie/Lohman Exhibition Showcases Masterpieces of the Permanent Collection**

*New York, NY, February 12, 2009*—The Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation celebrates the much-anticipated publication of *Treasures of Gay Art from the Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation* with an exhibition of works that appear in the book. Spanning more than 150 years of gay art this exhibition will feature nearly 100 pieces, including works by familiar names such as Andy Warhol, Robert Mapplethorpe, George Platt Lynes, Tom of Finland, Wilhelm Von Gloeden, Jared French, Jean Cocteau and many others. *Treasures of Gay Art* marks its opening with a public reception on Tuesday, March 10 at 6PM and the show runs through April 11.

### About the book

*Treasures of Gay Art from the Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation* is edited by Peter Weiermair and published by All Saints Press. Its 295 pages contain 225 full-color reproductions of iconic gay art created by nearly 200 different artists over the past 150 years. Author and art critic Douglas Blair Turnbaugh, commenting on the fact that Leslie/Lohman's permanent collection is home to more than 3,500 artworks says, "This beautiful book is just the tip of the iceberg of a unique and vast collection of art which exposes the limitless range of expression of gay sensibility." *Treasures of Gay Art* is the culmination of more than 40 years of avid collecting of gay art by the Foundation's creators, Charles Leslie & Fritz Lohman. The book may be purchased at the Leslie/Lohman Gallery beginning March 10.

### About the Leslie/Lohman Gay Art Foundation

Recently described by New York Times art critic Holland Cotter as "...a thoroughly nonmainstream pearl beyond price," the LESLIE/LOHMAN GAY ART FOUNDATION (LLGAF) is a non-profit foundation established in 1990 to provide an outlet for artwork that is unambiguously gay and which is often denied access to mainstream venues. The Foundation annually mounts five exhibitions of art in all media by gay and lesbian artists

that emphasize subject matter that speaks directly to queer sensibilities, including works with erotic, political, romantic and social imagery. LLGAF also provides special support for emerging and underrepresented artists through The ARCHIVE (a quarterly art journal); an artists slide registry; and a permanent collection of more than 3,000 works, including pieces by artists Duncan Grant, Keith Haring, Andy Warhol, Jean Cocteau and Robert Mapplethorpe.

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