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## Press Release

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### CLIFFORD CHANCE AND WHITNEY MUSEUM PARTNER FOR WHITNEY AFTER HOURS

#### ART, PERFORMANCE AND PAY-WHAT-YOU-WISH ADMISSION ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

NEW YORK, February 11, 2008 – The Whitney Museum of American Art and Clifford Chance US LLP (“Clifford Chance”) are pleased to announce that the global law firm will be the first-ever corporate sponsor of the Museum’s popular Friday night program featuring art exhibitions, live performances, artist appearances, education events, and pay-what-you-wish admission. The program, newly named Whitney After Hours, occurs at the Whitney Museum (945 Madison Avenue at 75th Street) every Friday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The first Whitney After Hours to be sponsored by Clifford Chance is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008 and will take place every Friday evening for the next twelve months.

Adam D. Weinberg, the Whitney’s Alice Pratt Brown Director, commented, “Clifford Chance’s support of this important audience development program provides many first-time visitors access to the Whitney’s outstanding permanent collection, groundbreaking exhibitions, live performances, and educational programming. We are thrilled to welcome Clifford Chance to the Whitney family of supporters.”

“We look forward to working with the Whitney, one of New York’s preeminent art museums, as we continue to build upon our strong commitment to culture and the arts,” said Craig Medwick, Clifford Chance’s Americas Region Managing Partner. “Our sponsorship of Whitney After Hours allows us to give back to the community by providing access to one of the finest collections of 20th century and contemporary American art in the world.”

Every Friday night the Whitney welcomes thousands of visitors to enjoy the Museum in a festive setting with the opportunity to pay reduced admission prices. The program is so

popular that visitor queues often stretch from the museum entrance on Madison Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street to Park Avenue. Throughout the evening, visitors have full access to the Museum's galleries, and may attend tours, public programs, or enjoy Whitney Live, the innovative live performance series offered on select Fridays.

#### **ABOUT CLIFFORD CHANCE**

Clifford Chance is one of the world's leading law firms, helping clients achieve their goals by combining the highest global standards with local expertise. The firm has unrivalled scale and depth of legal resources across the three key markets of the Americas, Asia and Europe and focuses on the core areas of commercial activity: capital markets; corporate and M&A; finance and banking; real estate; tax; pensions and employment; litigation and dispute resolution. Clifford Chance has 27 offices in 20 countries and 3,800 legal advisers.

#### **ABOUT THE WHITNEY MUSEUM**

The Whitney Museum of American Art is the leading advocate of 20th- and 21st-century American art. Founded in 1930, the Museum is regarded as the preeminent collection of American art and includes major works and materials from the estate of Edward Hopper, the largest public collection of works by Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, and Lucas Samaras, as well as significant works by Jasper Johns, Donald Judd, Agnes Martin, Bruce Nauman, Georgia O'Keeffe, Claes Oldenburg, Kiki Smith, and Andy Warhol, among other artists. With its history of exhibiting the most promising and influential American artists and provoking intense debate, the Whitney's signature show, the Biennial, has become the most important survey of the state of contemporary art in America today.

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### Current and Upcoming Exhibitions at the Whitney Museum of American Art:

The Whitney's Collection	Opened January 30, 2008
Television Delivers People	Through February 17, 2008
Two Years: Additions to the Collection, 2006-07	Through February 17, 2008
Beth Campbell: Following Room	Through February 24, 2008
Demuth's Late Paintings of Lancaster	February 23-April 27, 2008
2008 Whitney Biennial	March 6-June 1, 2008
Polaroids: Mapplethorpe	May 3-September 7, 2008
Buckminster Fuller: Starting with the Universe	June 26-September 21, 2008
Alexander Calder: The Paris Years	October 16, 2008-February 15, 2009

*The Whitney Museum is located at 945 Madison Avenue, New York City. Museum hours are: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., closed Monday and Tuesday. Admission is \$15 for adults; Members, children (ages 11 and under), and New York City public high school students free. Senior citizens (62 and over) and students with valid ID: \$10. There is a \$6 admission fee for a pass to the Kaufman Astoria Studios Film & Video Gallery only. Admission is pay-what-you-wish on Fridays, 6-9 pm. For information, please call 1-800 WHITNEY or visit [www.whitney.org](http://www.whitney.org).*