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Who: Laumeier Sculpture Park presents  
What: *Artistically Incorrect: The Photographs and Sculpture of John Waters*  
When: Opening: October 11, 2008, 6-8 p.m.; Exhibition: October 11, 2008 – January 11, 2009  
Where: Laumeier Sculpture Park  
Details: Free and open to the public; free parking available on-site or nearby

## Acclaimed artist and filmmaker, John Waters unleashes his quirky world in survey exhibition at Laumeier Sculpture Park

**St. Louis, MO (October 6, 2008)** — Laumeier Sculpture Park presents *Artistically Incorrect: The Photographs and Sculpture of John Waters* which opens October 11, 2008 at 6 p.m. Internationally-acclaimed director, filmmaker, entertainer and artist John Waters will bring his quirky insights to Laumeier for an exhibition that promises to be nothing short of spectacular. The solo exhibition of 65 works in the indoor galleries offers a combination of photographs, montages, and sculptures, that challenge, confound and entertain.

John Waters is most often recognized for his films. He has written, directed, produced and acted in more than a dozen motion pictures. From his early underground cult classics to the latest iteration of, *Hairspray*, Waters' films are full of twists and quirks. Those same characteristics permeate his life and career. Since the early 1990s Waters has been making photo-based artwork, sculpture and installations. This work is just as edgy, informed and full of dark humor as his films and has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the world.

Born in 1946, John Waters lives and works in Baltimore, Maryland. He has had solo exhibitions across the country and around the globe at institutions including the New Museum of Contemporary Art (New York), Fotomuseum Winterthur (Switzerland), The Warhol Museum (Pittsburgh, PA), The Orange County Museum of Art (Newport Beach, CA), the Wexner Center for the Arts (Columbus, OH), Marianne Boesky Gallery (New York), Albert Merola Gallery (Provincetown, MA), Rena Branston Gallery (San Francisco), and PaceWildensteinMacGill (Los Angeles). His work has also been included in numerous national and international group exhibitions.

In addition to the free public opening reception, Laumeier is hosting a fundraising cocktail party that immediately follows the public opening. *Socially Incorrect: A Night of Contradictions with John Waters*, which begins at 8 p.m., will offer guests an adventurous journey to an on-site party at a hidden location where a party like no other will take place. Exciting entertainment, classic drinks and the savory hors d'oeuvres from Stephen Becker Fine Dining will please your senses. Tickets are on sale now with proceeds benefiting Laumeier's education and exhibition programs. Event Co-chairs are Colleen Carlton, Dorte Probststein, Helene Sayad and Julie Shearburn. Details at: [http://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/Socially\\_Incorrect](http://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/Socially_Incorrect).

***Artistically Incorrect: The Photographs and Sculpture of John Waters* opens October 11, 2008 at Laumeier Sculpture Park with a free public reception from 6-8 p.m. and continues through January 11, 2009. Museum hours are: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Saturday-Sunday 12:00 PM-5:00 PM (Free).**

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Photos (high resolution versions or additional images available upon request):



John Waters, *Playdate*, 2006, two figures, each: silicone, human and synthetic hair, cotton flannel and polar fleece, Manson: 19 x 13 x 11"; Jackson: 15 x 13 x 27", Edition of 5, 1 Artist Proof, Courtesy of Beth Rudin DeWoody



John Waters, *Baldo*, 2006, paper, ink, aluminum, iron shavings, and Plexiglass with magnet pen, 18 x 18 x 4", Edition of 5, 1 Artist Proof, Courtesy of the Ann and Mel Schaffer Family Collection



John Waters, *Andy and Jackie (detail)*, 1998, 8 chromogenic prints, 11.75 x 62.75", Edition of 8, Collection of Melva Bucksbaum and Raymond Learsy



John Waters, photo by Greg Gorman.

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Laumeier Sculpture Park is located at 12580 Rott Road in St. Louis County, near Interstate 44 and Lindbergh Boulevard. The park is open daily from 8 a.m. until ½ hour past sunset. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and legal holidays. For more information, call 314-821-1209 or visit us at [www.laumeier.org](http://www.laumeier.org).

Laumeier Sculpture Park events and programs are made possible by operating support from St. Louis County Parks, the Regional Arts Commission, the Arts and Education Council and the Missouri Arts Council.

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