

CONDITIONS FOR ABSENTEE BIDDING

Please read carefully if you are submitting absentee bids

- 1.** Absentee bids are a service provided free of charge to bidders who are unable to attend the live auction. Maine Discovery Museum (MDM) will make every effort to execute all absentee bids in accordance with the bidder's wishes, but errors do occur, and neither MDM nor the auctioneer will be held responsible for failing to execute a bid.
- 2.** In the event that identical absentee bids are received, the bid received first will take precedence. All absentee bids must be received by MDM in person, by mail, or by fax no later than 5 pm on Friday, November 14. All bids must be signed by the bidder. Email and phone bids will not be accepted.
- 3.** Bids are handled in a competitive manner by an MDM representative who bids on your behalf in an attempt to buy the chair for less than your top bid. S/he will bid on your behalf until s/he has either won the chair or it has gone beyond your top bid. If there are no live bids, a bid of \$50 will be made on your behalf.
- 4.** All absentee bids must use the attached form and be accompanied by a secure credit card number and expiration date (Visa or MasterCard) or a deposit of 20% of your maximum bid, which will be refunded on the next business day after the auction, if your bid is unsuccessful. Deposits paid by check must be received with sufficient time to clear your bank before the auction. If your bid is successful, the deposit will be applied to the purchase price plus shipping/insurance/handling. The only way we would use your credit card number is if your bid is successful. Please use a separate form for each chair on which you wish to bid. You may photocopy the form for additional bids.
- 5.** All bids must be in even dollar amounts and at least \$5 increments. Bids less than \$50.00 will not be accepted. To execute an absentee bid, fill out the accompanying form, listing chair number, artist's name, and your top bid price. If your bids are sent after November 8, you may call or email MDM to confirm that they have been received.
- 6.** Notification: We will contact successful bidders only, within three business days of the auction event. At that time we will arrange shipping with you. A charge for this service will be added to include labor, packing materials, shipping and insurance. Bidders shall also be responsible for any applicable sales tax. To avoid shipping charges, you may arrange to pick up your chair(s) at MDM.
- 7.** Bidding on a chair(s) at the *Sitting Pretty* Auction by absentee bid indicates your acceptance of the above terms. If you need additional information, please contact sittingpretty@mainediscoverymuseum.org.



**ABSENTEE BIDDING FORM
MAINE DISCOVERY MUSEUM
“SITTING PRETTY AUCTION”
November 15, 2003**

Name of Bidder (please print)

Artist's Name

\$ _____
Maximum Bid

Street Address of Bidder

City State Zip

Telephone Number with Area Code

email address

Signature Date

Mail this form to:
Sitting Pretty
Maine Discovery Museum
74 Main St.
Bangor, ME 04401

Or Fax to:
207-947-6281