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What: ArtAuction14

When: Thursday, September 11th from 5:30pm–10:00 pm

Where: SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco, CA 94013

Cost: Tickets are \$35 (No one will be turned away for lack of funds). Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/714005>

This year, we are celebrating 25 years of The Street Sheet, the country's oldest continuously published street newspaper, published by the Coalition and sold by impoverished San Franciscans. The Street Sheet started after the Coalition on Homelessness had extra newsletters left over from a Phil Collins benefit concert. Homeless members tried selling them on the street and reported people were buying them. The idea for a street newspaper was born, and the street newspaper has been replicated across the globe – with over 500,000 street newspapers world-wide sold for profit by destitute vendors. The Street Sheet is unique – for remaining fiercely independent, advertising free, and provides a perspective rarely seen in mainstream media, combining artwork, poetry and hard hitting journalism in a tabloid style paper. It is published twice monthly, and is distributed to over 17,000 readers.

We will be celebrating this very special newspaper at our 14th annual art auction fundraiser held at SOMArts in San Francisco. Bid on beautiful work by over 100 local artists in our live and silent auctions. Enjoy live music by Quinn DeVeaux and the Blue Beat Review from 6:30-7:30p.m., exciting raffle prizes, complimentary dinner and an open wine and beer bar. Also, live tortilla screen-printing by the Great Tortilla Conspiracy.

The Coalition on Homelessness is a grassroots social justice organization dedicated to the elimination of homelessness and its social, political, and economic causes. Our bottom-up organizing model ensures the voices of some of the most disenfranchised San Franciscans lead the fight against homelessness.

Come support the Coalition on Homelessness and enjoy this wonderful event. For more information, visit [cohortauction.tumblr.com](http://cohortauction.tumblr.com) or e-mail [artauction14@gmail.com](mailto:artauction14@gmail.com).

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