



## M E D I A A L E R T

WHO:

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR., JEFF KOONS**  
&  
**WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE**

**HOST**

WHAT:

**ART FOR WATER**  
WITH  
SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

**DEBORAH HARRY**

**Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**, *President of Waterkeeper Alliance*, and **Jeff Koons**, *Artist Chair*, will host **Art for Water**, an auction benefiting **Waterkeeper Alliance** and celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clean Water Act on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Matthew Marks Gallery in New York.

"I am thrilled to be involved with Art for Water and am so grateful to the art community for responding with generosity and enthusiasm. This auction will raise significant funds for Waterkeeper Alliance to continue to fight in communities across the globe for their right to clean water," said Mr. Kennedy.

Art for Water will host a special performance from **Deborah Harry** of American rock band *Blondie*. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and Chardonnay wine from the event's sponsor, **The Dreaming Tree wines**, as well as an exclusive live and silent auction conducted by Sotheby's Auction House. Collectively the auctions represent some \$1.25 million worth of artwork, which includes 77 pieces featuring works by notable artists including **Marina Abramovic**, **Dan Colen**, **Gregory Crewdson**, **Willem de Kooning**, **Olafur Eliasson**, **Donald Judd**, **Alex Katz**, **Jeff Koons**, **Chuck Close**, **Roy Lichtenstein**, **Robert Longo**, **Sarah Morris**, **Catherine Opie**, **Raymond Pettibon**, **Laurie Simmons**, **Josh Smith** and more. All artwork is currently available for bidding online through an exclusive preview at [www.paddle8.com/forgood/wka..](http://www.paddle8.com/forgood/wka..)

Waterkeeper Alliance is the world's largest and fastest growing clean water advocacy group. The benefit will raise significant funds to enable Waterkeeper Alliance to continue to fight in communities across the world for their right to clean water. Water is among today's most pressing issues—security and scarcity, energy and climate change, and the cause and spread of infectious disease.



Waterkeeper Alliance is on the front lines protecting that resource and unites Waterkeepers who patrol and protect rivers, bays, lakes and streams on six continents—more than 1.6 million square feet of waterways—in boats ranging in size from kayaks to research vessels. Waterkeeper Alliance is the leading voice for the world’s waters with roots dating back to 1966, when a concerned group of commercial and recreation fishermen mobilized to reclaim the Hudson River from polluters. Their tough, hands on, community oriented brand of environmental activism and miraculous recovery of the Hudson inspired 200 other individuals and organizations to launch Waterkeepers from the Mississippi to the Amazon to the Tigris to the Ganges and across the globe to fight in their communities for the right to have swimmable, drinkable and fishable water.

*For more information about Waterkeeper Alliance and Art for Water, please visit [www.waterkeeper.org](http://www.waterkeeper.org).*

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