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WAMARCHY DECLARED AT THE WEISMAN

What: WAMarchy, a party to mark the yearlong closure of the Weisman Art Museum during its major expansion

When: Saturday, December 4, 8 p.m. doors

Where: Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Who: Presented by l'étoile and the Weisman Art Museum. Music by Off With Their Heads and The God Damn Doo Wop Band; participatory graffiti wall led by artists Claire Monet, Biafra Art, Inc., Metrik!, Hellmouth, Rogue Citizen and Erin Sayer.

WAMarchy has been declared at the Weisman Art Museum. WAMarchy is the Weisman's "closing party," marking the museum's yearlong closure, part of its major facility expansion in progress.

Guests at WAMarchy will be able to do "things visitors can't normally do in a museum," says WAM director Lyndel King, including:

- Drinking red wine in the galleries (at a free red wine tasting)
- Painting on the walls (guests can paint on a 'graffiti wall' alongside local artists)
- Hanging their own art in the museum (visitors can create a work on paper and hang it anywhere in the galleries)

The evening also includes performances by two Minneapolis bands: punk rockers Off With Their Heads (myspace.com/offwiththeirheads) and The God Damn Doo Wop Band (myspace.com/thegoddamndooopband).

Tickets are \$20 for the general public, and \$16 for students and WAM members. Doors are at 8 p.m. This event is currently sold out.

WAM's 8,100-square-foot expansion will add five new galleries to the existing structure, more than tripling the number of objects from the museum's collection that can be displayed at any given time. The addition is designed by legendary architect Frank Gehry, who also designed WAM's original structure. Construction began in October 2009, and the expanded WAM is expected to reopen in fall 2011.

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