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Please note: Digital images are available of several works in the exhibition *The First Ten Years: Conversations with the Collection*, artist Joe Walters, the Rah Booty Cheerleaders, and the Burly-Q Girly Crew. Please contact Margaret Keough at 816-457-6132 or margaret@kemperart.org if interested in attaining images.

Parties at Kemper Museum on October 2 Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Ten Years ago to the day, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened to the public on October 2. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the Kemper Museum is throwing two community “birthday” parties to celebrate on Saturday, October 2. Both events—The Power of Ten Birthday Bash and X-Party: Celebrate Late at the Kemper Museum—are free and open to the public.

The Power of Ten Birthday Bash

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 2

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, 4420 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City, MO

Children and adults of all ages can meet collection artist Joe Walters and create a clay project inspired by his work at the free hands-on event. Visitor may draw ten-minute portraits from live models and enjoy free birthday cake as they watch Charles and Ray Eames’s film *Powers of Ten* (1977). Museumgoers can also make party hats and follow a self-guided gallery activity in the exhibition *The First Ten Years: Conversations with the Collection* (on view September 17–November 28). Joe Walters will present a short slide talk in the Museum meeting room at 1:00 p.m.

No reservations are required.

X-Party: Celebrate Late at the Kemper Museum

10:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m., Saturday, October 2

**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, 4420 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City, MO
(This party is for those ages 21 and up; no reservations are required.)**

This party for adults will engage the senses with live music by Crisis and appearances by the Rah Booty Cheerleaders and the Burly-Q Girly Crew. Those

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X-Party: Celebrate Late at the Kemper Museum, continued

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ages 21 and up can celebrate late with free performances, fantastic artwork, food, drink, and conversation. The Rah Booty Cheerleaders will kick off the event with celebratory cheers. Crisis, featuring Bill McKemy, bass; Mark Southerland, saxophone; Kent Burnham, drums; and John Brewer, keyboard, will play live music throughout the evening. The Burly-Q Girly Crew will make a special cameo appearance at midnight. Guests can spend time with friends in the exhibition *The First Ten Years: Conversations with the Collection* (on view September 17–November 28), cast a vote to select a community top-ten list of works in the exhibition, and make a ten-second recording on a roving video camera. Parties also can use their bodies as canvas and get a \$10.00 henna tattoo by Jai Colcord or place a temporary tattoo on themselves. Chipotle Mexican Grill will supply free snacks and giveaways. Cash bar is available for those with valid ID, and soft drinks are provided free of charge.

About the Kemper Museum

Kansas City's acclaimed contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened in October 2, 1994 and draws 130,000 visitors each year. The Museum boasts a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world. The Museum hosts temporary exhibitions, installations, performance work, film and video series, lectures, concerts, children's workshops, and other creative programs designed to both entertain and challenge. Admission is free.

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art is open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday; and 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday. The galleries at Kemper East (200 E. 44th Street) are open 10 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Friday. The Museum's celebrated Café Sebastienne serves lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday; and dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday. The Museum and Café are closed on Mondays and major holidays.

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