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### **MUSEUM OF BAD ART TO AUCTION PAINTING FOR BRANDEIS**

As curator-in-chief of the Museum of Bad Art (MOBA), I, along with most of my colleagues in the art-world, was shocked to learn that the trustees of Brandeis University have decided to close the Rose Art Museum and sell the valuable collection to raise money to cover a deficit in their operating budget. We assume that they have considered and rejected alternatives such as renaming the university "Brandeis Bank" to qualify for the federal Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP), digging up and selling the shrubbery that currently decorates the beautiful Waltham campus, and assigning undergraduates to patrol the Mass Pike Weston toll plaza with collection cans.

MOBA does not sell items from our Permanent Collection, although we have so far not been tempted with the opportunity to liquidate any of our works into "six figures".

In support of the Rose Museum in crisis, the MOBA Board of Directors have decided to sell a picture from our Rejection Collection; "Studies in Digestion" by Deborah Grumet. Executed with colored pencil on paper, this framed 18"x 24" piece portrays the human digestive system skillfully drawn in the styles of Keith Haring, Georges Serat, Rene Margritte (with mislabeled organs a la the Key of Dreams Series), and a Picasso single line drawing. {SEE PAGE 2}

"Studies in Digestion" is offered on eBay, with the auction closing February 8, 2009 at 1:37pm PST. The listing address is: <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=250365321206>

An official MOBA Certificate of Rejection will accompany the item.

The proceeds of this auction will be donated to Brandeis University in the hopes that we can help prevent the disintegration and sale of the Rose Art Museum collection.



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