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Craig Carlisle near his painting *The Witness*, top right — from "Art for Life" at the Columbus College of Art and Design

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Display, auctions to assist AIDS group

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In the art world, salon-style means hanging artworks closely together on a wall.

Make that *really* close in the case of the "Art of Life" exhibition.

The show contains 250 pieces displayed in a portion of the Canzani Center Gallery at Columbus College of Art and Design, Cleveland Avenue and E. Gay Street. Paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed-media works are included.

That density should mean good business for the exhibition, a fund-raising project for the Columbus

AIDS Task Force. Artworks will be sold in silent and live auctions.

About 230 artists, both local and from across the nation, donated pieces. Consequently, the show is a solid survey of the state of contemporary art.

Among the participating artists is Craig Carlisle, a Los Angeles painter who is a CCAD graduate and former Grandview Heights resident. Carlisle has worked in New York and San Francisco.

"As an artist, I have a personal interest (in the fund-raiser) because there are friends, artists I've lost because of AIDS. It's a personal honor to be in the show," he said.

This is the 13th of the biennial exhibitions. The project has raised a total of \$2.5 million, said Jose Rodriguez, one of this year's organizers.

The task force expects to raise \$500,000 this year, he said.

The art is on view, and the silent auction under way, during gallery hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, until 8 p.m. Thursdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

A dinner will start at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at the Columbus Museum of Art with a live auction of 39 pieces at 8 p.m. at CCAD. For ticket information call 614-265-7327.

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