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**Lady Liberty Camouflaged by Kimberly Andert of Indiana earns Pasta Polo People's Choice Award in 2010 Wearable Art Exhibition**

PORT MOODY, BC – Visitors voting on 100+ entries in Port Moody's 2010 Wearable Art Exhibition event have chosen "Lady Liberty Camouflaged", an intricate creation with a strong conceptual meaning created by South Bend Indiana's Kimberly Andert, as this year's "People's Choice" recipient.

This award, generously sponsored by Pasta Polo, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> award this entry has received. It was also chosen by the jurors of the 2007 Wearable Art Awards as the Conceptual Award winner. Lady Liberty Camouflaged was one of many retrospective garments – entries from past Wearable Art Awards – that returned to Port Moody for the two month long exhibition which focused on making Port Moody a destination point during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Jane Matthews, Executive Director of the Port Moody Arts Centre, credits both design and concept for the win. "With the many quality garments on display this year to choose from, there was not a clear People's Choice favourite. Andert's success in designing an incredibly detailed garment, combined with a conceptual meaning that resonated with the public was the reason for her win." This is Andert's second People's Choice win – she also captured the title in 2006 with her entry "Radiance", a dazzling red gown made of 247 "flames" which also returned for display during the 2010 Exhibition.

"Lady Liberty has been used as a rallying figure throughout our country's history, and visages, encouraging citizens to support war over many generations," Andert says of her entry. "Unfortunately, our history has been full of war and while our lady is wrapped in America's colors, she also wears the trappings of war camouflage, ammunition belt and the eagle of freedom. We are forced to ponder the liberty she is representing; is it really ours, and those we seek to protect?"

Photos and further details are available at [www.wearableartawards.com](http://www.wearableartawards.com).



The Wearable Art Awards is presented by the Port Moody Arts Centre Society - with support from businesses and sponsors who include the City of Port Moody, the BC Gaming Commission, the Port Moody Arts Centre, Pacific Coast Terminals, Pasta Polo, and the Georgia Straight - to encourage local, Canadian and international artists of all mediums to submit evocative, imaginative and thought-provoking creations for the human body. The imaginations of the participating artists are the only limits on entries.