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Artist will be available on site for interview. High Resolution images available upon request.

## Art Soiree's 5th Annual Political Cartoon Exhibit featuring Tom Toles of The Washington Post *"Retrospective of Twelve Years as Washington Post's Editorial Cartoonist"*

Washington, DC – Against the backdrop of a region steeped in politics, with a touch of art, style and humor, Art Soiree presents 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Cartoon Exhibit featuring Tom Toles of The Washington Post. This will be a solo exhibition for Tom Toles presenting a retrospective of his work as Washington Post's editorial cartoonist over the past twelve years. The one night only exhibit will take place Friday, January 23 at 8pm at the Ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton, Georgetown 3100 South Street NW, Washington DC. Guests will get to mingle with the exhibiting cartoonist and enjoy live musical performance by his local journo-band Suspicious Package. The pop-up exhibition is ticketed at \$20 with a percentage of net proceeds benefiting Charlie Hebdo.



**ABOUT TOM TOLES:** Tom Toles is the Pulitzer prizewinning Editorial Cartoonist for the Washington Post and is widely syndicated nationally. He has covered government, politics and society in six cartoons per week for the Post since 2002. Previously he has been Editorial Cartoonist for US News and World Report, The New Republic, The New York Daily News, The Buffalo News and the Buffalo Courier-Express. He has also drawn a comic strip, Curious Avenue and a comic panel, Randolph Itch, 2am. In his spare time he sings and plays drums in two Washington DC based bands, Suspicious Package and Lethal Bark. He has written a musical comedy, Catapult Love featuring the original music of Lethal Bark. He also enjoys dancing all night long. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/people/tom-toles>



Continuing with annual tradition the event will feature live musical performance by local journo-band **Suspicious Package**, comprised of reporters armed with their musical talent and rock star looks. Band members include Pulitzer Prize-winning Editorial Cartoonist at The Washington Post **Tom Toles**, senior government officials **Christina Sevilla** and **Bryan Greene**, former **TIME/Bloomberg** correspondent and journalist **Tim Burger** and Director of Education and Outreach for the National Security Journalism Initiative at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, **Josh Meyer**. [www.facebook.com/SusPackage](http://www.facebook.com/SusPackage) @SusPackage

**Tickets for the exhibit are \$20. Tickets are limited and available online only at**

**<https://politicalcartoonexhibit.eventbrite.com>**

**For press inquiries and passes please contact [tati@artsoiree.com](mailto:tati@artsoiree.com)**

\*\*\*Art Soiree will donate a percentage from net ticket sales proceeds of the 5th Annual Political Cartoon Exhibit to Charlie Hebdo, the French satirical magazine that was the target in one of the most horrific attacks France has seen in years. Artist should be unrestrained in the making of his or her art, and only free exchange of artistic expression, ideas, opinions and critique will help us understand our society and create a vital instrument for social change.

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## **ABOUT ART SOIREE**

Art Soiree is a Washington, DC based organization that is committed to curating, conceiving and realizing contemporary art exhibitions and projects. Art Soiree was founded in 2009 and has since presented over 400 unique exhibitions and programs featuring over 500 contemporary artists, and bringing together close to 150,000 attendees. Art Soiree's most recent projects include Fine Art Series (2013-2015): weekly art exhibitions at the Ritz-Carlton, Georgetown offering local contemporary artists opportunity for solo exhibition; Art All Night: Nuit Blanche DC (2011-2014): an all-night group exhibition of contemporary artists and performers at the North Capitol neighborhood (2014) and historic and now redeveloped Wonder Bread Factory (2011-2013) as part of the Art All Night DC festival. The organization has also represented D.C. artists at a number of national and international art showcases such as Art Basel Miami 2012 and SXSW 2013. [www.artsoiree.com](http://www.artsoiree.com) @artsoiree