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Artist Nancy Judd, accepted into the Smithsonian's Permanent Collection!

The Obamanos Coat, created by Santa Fe artist and environmental educator Nancy Judd, has been accepted into the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. The Coat, sewn from 2008 Obama campaign door hangers, will be an artistic component of a permanent exhibition that documents the 2008 Obama Campaign.

The Coat will be on display in Santa Fe on Tuesday May 31, from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Astilli Fine Art Services (1807 Second Street #105) before it is shipped to Washington D.C. The media are invited to come between 4:00pm-5:00pm to photograph the Coat and a staging of "the sealing of the shipping crate" before it is sent to the Smithsonian. Contact Nancy Judd at 505-577-9712 for details.

Ms. Judd joined the 2008 Presidential campaign six months before Election Day, organizing hundreds of other volunteers to call and canvas in her Santa Fe neighborhood. The day after the election, she visited campaign headquarters in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, and filled her car with leftover campaign posters, door hangers, and other memorabilia. She fashioned these materials into three couture garments, called the Change Couture Collection, which includes the Obamanos Coat.

Ms. Judd was invited to showcase the Change Couture Collection at several inaugural events in Washington D.C. including the Green Inaugural Ball. The trip garnered international press, including a front page article in the Wall Street Journal. Interest in the Coat culminated in its acceptance into the Smithsonian's permanent collection!

The public is invited to become a "Friend of Recycle Runway" and have their name listed in the Smithsonian's records into perpetuity with the Obamanos Coat. Any size [donation](#) is greatly appreciated and the funds raised by these contributions will be used to finance a workshop that Ms. Judd is donating to [Camp CADJ](#), a camp for girls who have been sexually abused, in July.

Nancy Judd uses glamorous couture fashions made from trash to inspire people to recycle, conserve resources, and prevent pollution. Her innovative environmental education programs reach millions of people across the globe through exhibitions, presentations, workshops and international media outreach. Her work, the Recycle Runway Collection, is exhibited in high-traffic locations such as airports, museums and malls to encourage people to care for the environment. Eighteen of Ms. Judd's eco-couture sculptures are currently on display in the Atlanta Airport, International Concourse E, through April 2012.

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Nancy Judd, The Obamanos Coat, 2009

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