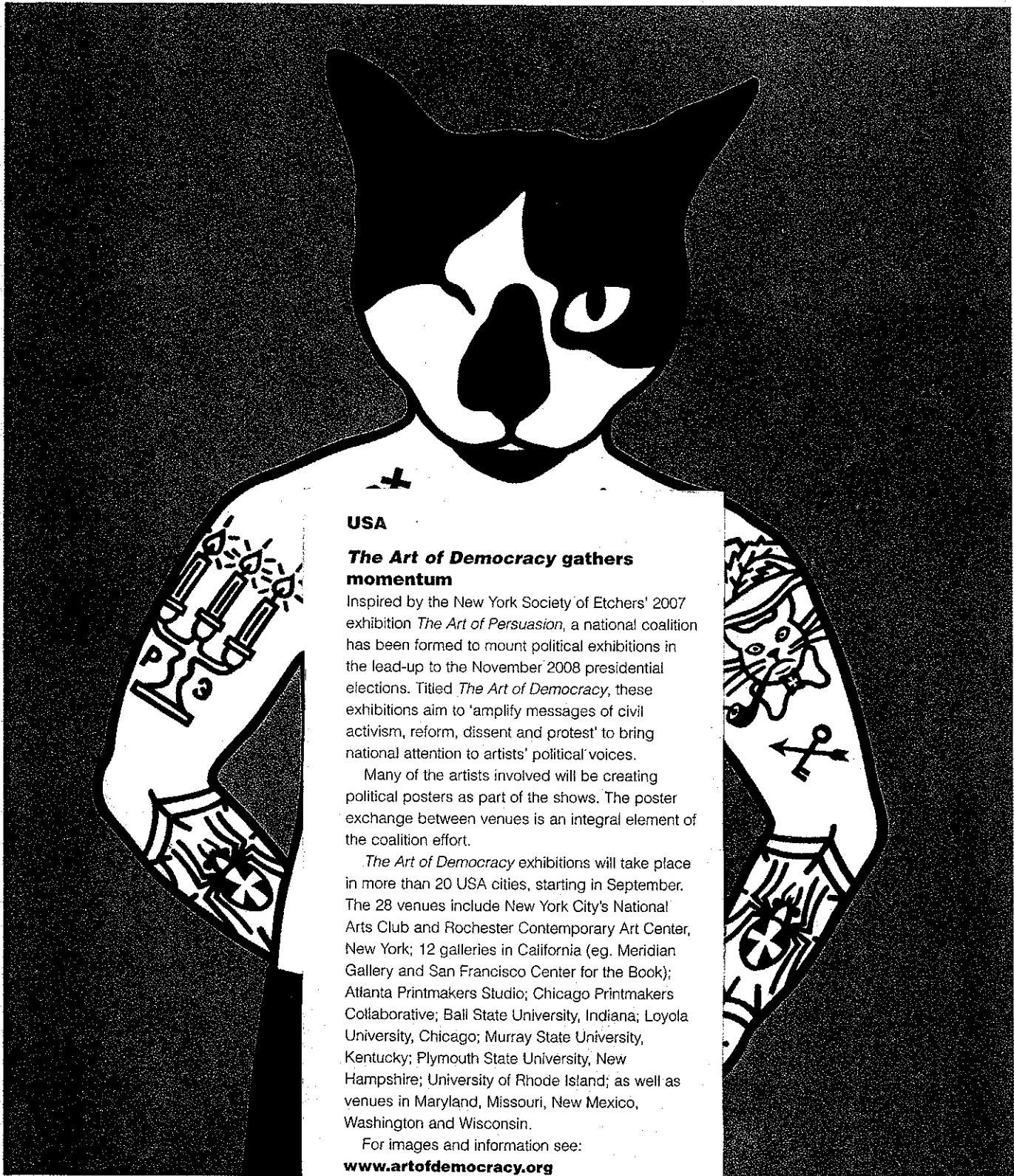


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### ***The Art of Democracy* gathers momentum**

Inspired by the New York Society of Etchers' 2007 exhibition *The Art of Persuasion*, a national coalition has been formed to mount political exhibitions in the lead-up to the November 2008 presidential elections. Titled *The Art of Democracy*, these exhibitions aim to 'amplify messages of civil activism, reform, dissent and protest' to bring national attention to artists' political voices.

Many of the artists involved will be creating political posters as part of the shows. The poster exchange between venues is an integral element of the coalition effort.

*The Art of Democracy* exhibitions will take place in more than 20 USA cities, starting in September. The 28 venues include New York City's National Arts Club and Rochester Contemporary Art Center, New York; 12 galleries in California (eg. Meridian Gallery and San Francisco Center for the Book); Atlanta Printmakers Studio; Chicago Printmakers Collaborative; Ball State University, Indiana; Loyola University, Chicago; Murray State University, Kentucky; Plymouth State University, New Hampshire; University of Rhode Island; as well as venues in Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, Washington and Wisconsin.

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