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On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, Gala Committee, and all members of our community, we graciously invite you to join us as a donor for the silent auction at Albany Center Gallery's (ACG) **Through the Decades Gala**. *The event will take place in-person at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Kenmore Ballroom in Downtown Albany!* By donating a product or service for the gala's silent auction, your local business is keeping the visual arts thriving in the region. You are supporting Albany Center Gallery continue to bring "more art everywhere, together!"

At last year's virtual gala, we hosted over 100 attendees and raised over \$50,000! The generosity of our sponsors helped us expand programming, present an extensive exhibition season, pay local artists to create art and teach students, open our new Art.Work.Space., as well as fund and sustain staff and the operations of the organization. We anticipate over 200 attendees at this year's event. During the Gala, we will host our awards ceremony presenting the *Mona Ruth Brickman Memorial Artist of the Year Award*, the *Dr. Joel Spiro Community Impact Award*, and the *Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award*; there will also be silent and live auctions filled with art and other sought-after items (perhaps from your business!), refreshments, music, artist performances, live art, entertainment, and oh, so much more!

For 45 years, ACG has been promoting and exhibiting art produced by the region's emerging and established artists as well as engaging, enriching, and inspiring the community to appreciate the importance of art. Thousands of the area's finest contemporary artists have exhibited at Albany Center Gallery, and many of the artists gain national and international recognition afterwards. Our reach extends beyond the walls of the Gallery, working with the community through public art projects (like #CapitalWalls) and art programming. Through these pursuits, the Gallery consistently reaches over 50,000 individuals annually.

To ensure your business name appears on promotional material as a donor, please complete and return the enclosed Auction Donor Form along with your donation or call the Gallery no later than October 1. The deadline for recognition in the program book is October 22. You will also receive recognition as a donor on ACG's website, signage at the event, and on the silent auction website page.

We value your support! We know times are still difficult and appreciate what you can offer us. Please consider contributing, as well as enjoying an exciting evening at the **Through the Decades Gala** with ACG to celebrate creative minds with the community.

Sincerely,

Karina Wojnar
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