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Albany Center Galleries Inc., operating as Albany Center Gallery, is a 501(c)(3) Organization for your tax purposes, contributions are tax deductible within the limits of the law. Dear Friend of ACG,

On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, Gala Committee, and all members of our community, we graciously invite you to join the Honorary Committee for Albany Center Gallery's (ACG) *Through the Decades Gala. The event will take place in-person at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Kenmore Ballroom* in Downtown Albany! By joining the Honorary Committee, you are at the forefront of the regional arts movement in supporting Albany Center Gallery to 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 mentor students, expand across the hall to open Art.Work.Space., as well as provide critical funding to 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, 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 and art programming. Through these pursuits, the Gallery consistently reaches over 50,000 individuals annually.

Because of supporters like you, ACG can continue providing must-requested accessible arts programming to community members and youth, as well as uplifting public art! As we continue to empower local artists and art enthusiasts, we hope to have your continued generous support. To ensure your name appears as Honorary Committee on gala promotional materials, please complete and return the enclosed Honorary Committee Form no later than <u>October 1</u>. The deadline for recognition in the program book is <u>October 22</u>. Honorary Committee members also will be recognized on ACG's website and event social media promotion.

We look forward to welcoming you as an Honorary Committee member to an exciting evening. We hope you will join us *Through the Decades*.

Sincerely,

Karina Wojnar

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