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Silent Auction

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Dear Friend.

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) *Art All About it! Gala.* The event will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Union Station 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 bringing "more art everywhere, together!"

At last year's gala, we hosted over 275 attendees and raised over \$75,000! This generosity helped us expand programming, present an extensive exhibition season, pay local artists to create art and mentor students, as well as provide critical funding to sustain staff and the operations of the organization. We anticipate 300 attendees at this year's event. During the Gala, we will host an 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 region's visual contemporary artists have exhibited at Albany Center Gallery, and many of the artists gain national and international recognition. Impact extends beyond the walls of the Gallery, working with the community through public art projects (like #CapitalWalls mural program), art festivals, and extensive youth art programming. Through these pursuits, ACG 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 <u>September 13</u>. The deadline for recognition in the program book is <u>October 12</u>. You will also receive recognition as a donor on ACG's website, social media promotion, and on the silent auction webpage.

We value your support! Please consider contributing, as well as enjoying an exciting evening at the *Art All About it! Gala* with ACG to celebrate creative minds with the community.

Sincerely,

Karina Wojnar, Chair

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