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# All aboard! Join the Fast Track.

Honorary Committee

Dear Friend,

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) *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 joining the Honorary Committee, you are at the forefront of the regional arts with Albany Center Gallery 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.

Because of supporters like you, ACG can continue to provide much-requested accessible arts programming to community members and youth, as well as uplifting public art! With the empowerment of local artists and art enthusiasts at the core, 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 September 13. The deadline for recognition in the program book is October 12. Honorary Committee members will also be recognized on ACG's website and social media promotion for the event.

We look forward to welcoming you as an Honorary Committee member to an exciting evening. We hope you will join us at the *Art All About it! Gala*.

Sincerely,

Karina Wojnar, Chair

Development & Membership Manager

Tony ladicicco Executive Director