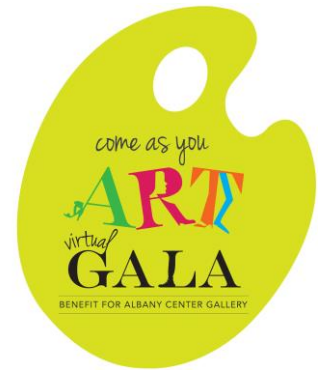




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Dear Friend of ACG,

On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, Gala Committee, and all members of our community, we graciously invite you to join us as a business donor for the silent auction at Albany Center Gallery's (ACG) **Come as you ART Gala**. *The event will take place virtually at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021-- more details to come!* By donating a product or service for the Gala Auction, your local business will be contributing in keeping the visual arts thriving in the region and supporting ACG in continuing to bring More Art Everywhere. We know times are tough and appreciate any support you can offer us. If you cannot donate an item, you are invited to attend the evening's events, purchase raffle tickets, and/or bid on other silent auction items.

We are grateful for the attendance and support at last year's first-ever virtual ACG Gala. We hosted over 75 attendees and raised over \$45,000! Your 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 operations of the organization. This year, we're inviting our community to "come as you are" to the Gala. Come as you are, how you want, with whom you wish! We just want you there. We will have 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*; and there will also be an online silent auction filled with art and other sought-after items like gift cards, services, or products from local businesses (like yours!). The evening will also include live art making, artist highlights, and oh so much more!

For over 40 years, ACG has been in Albany working to be an equitable, welcoming art space for the region. 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 too, working with the community through public art projects and art programming. Through these pursuits, the Gallery consistently reaches over 50,000 individuals yearly. The Mohawk-Hudson Region has a very vibrant community of artists and interdisciplinary creatives; ACG understands its role to provide the needed tools to these individuals to uplift the Region as a whole.

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 8. The deadline for recognition in the program book is October 26. You will also receive recognition as a donor on ACG's website, during our live virtual Gala, and on our silent auction website page.

We value your support! Please consider making a contribution, as well as enjoying an exciting evening at the **Come As You ART Gala** with ACG to celebrate creative minds with the community.

Sincerely,

Tony Iadicicco  
Executive Director

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