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**DVAC PRESENTS 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ART AUCTION:**

**“The biggest and best all art, all LOCAL, wildly fun, eclectic, affordable, talent-packed, wondrous, cool, and casual art party of them all!”**



DAYTON (March 22, 2017) - The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) presents the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Auction on Friday, April 28, 2017 at The David H. Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a Silent Auction running from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and a Live Auction taking place from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

DVAC’s Annual Art Auction is Dayton’s signature art fundraising event and the only auction in the region dedicated exclusively to visual art. Auction pieces include paintings, photographs, prints, glass, jewelry and more created by the talented array of artists from in and around the Miami Valley. The Auction offers something for everyone and pieces can add beauty and enjoyment to a home or office, or can be given as gifts. Prices range from \$60 to \$600.

“The DVAC Art Auction is one way in which we showcase, promote and celebrate the vast talent of our region’s numerous artists,” said Eva Buttacavoli, executive director of DVAC. “This much-anticipated event draws over 700 influential tastemakers, young professionals, community leaders and philanthropic donors who truly believe art elevates our daily lives. Attendees find themselves immersed in the arts community, literally, as they are surrounded by impressive and inspired works from local artists.”

Artists represented in the 2017 Art Auction include some of Dayton most notable, including Dave Ackels, Zach Armstrong, Jon Barlow Hudson, Julie Beyer, Jane Dippold, Amy Deal, John Emery, Katherine Kadish, Michealyn Mychalec, Ray Must, Amy Powell, Francis Schanberger, Terry Welker, among many others.

Guests of DVAC's Annual Art Auction will enjoy live music by Puzzle of Light, a cash bar, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$50 for DVAC Members, \$60 for nonmembers, and \$75 at the door.

New this year is a Grand Prize Raffle, *Le Bon Temps Rouler - The Art of Jazz, New Orleans-Style* -- a fabulous package of a 3-night stay in New Orleans, roundtrip airfare for two, brunch, dinner and two tickets to Preservation Jazz Hall. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Raffle tickets are available on DVAC's website and at the event.

In addition to the artwork guests can take home that evening are three one-of-a-kind immersive art experiences: *The Art of Glass*, a hands-on glass-blowing with master glass artist Jim DeLange in his studio; *The Art of Clay*, a hands-on pottery demonstration and Persian luncheon with Miami Valley Potter Naysan McIlhargey; and *The Art of Sound*, private concert experience with Michael and Sandy Bashaw.

A highlight of the evening is the DP&L Live Auction, which features Dayton's "Superstar" auctioneer, Doug Sorrell and his high-spirited coaching of new and experienced bidders. The Live Auction begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

"The Live Auction is almost as much fun to watch as it is to participate," said Buttacavoli. "Last year we had a surprise bidding war over a watercolor by John Emery that sold for a record-breaking \$6,000!"

Prior to the Art Auction, DVAC will host an Auction Preview Party at DVAC on April 19, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Highlights of this Preview event include the Live Auction Reveal, which showcases the pieces that will be in the live portion of the Art Auction, and 4 Artists-to-Watch featuring up-and-coming artists Dan Cleary, Mark Freytag, Darryl Wood and Anne Lee-Zimerle. The Auction Preview Party is free and open to all and guests can enjoy a cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Also, DVAC Art Auction tickets may be purchased at this event.

"This fun and casual preview event has it all!" said Buttacavoli. "A meet and greet with Auction artists, the Live Auction Reveal and Eva's Auction Artists-to-Watch. You don't want to miss it!"

Auction and raffle tickets may be purchased online at [www.daytonvisualarts.org](http://www.daytonvisualarts.org) or by calling DVAC at (937) 224-3822. Tickets are also available at Deck The Walls, Lily's Bistro (cash only), Mousaian Oriental Rugs and The Neon. All auction artwork is available to be viewed digitally on the DVAC web site, [www.daytonvisualarts.org](http://www.daytonvisualarts.org). Event parking is complimentary in the garage below The Ponitz Center.

To learn more about the DVAC Art Auction, visit [www.daytonvisualarts.com](http://www.daytonvisualarts.com). If you are interested in sponsoring this fundraising event, please contact Eva Buttacavoli at 937. 224.3822.

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## **ABOUT DVAC**

Mission: DVAC seeks to provide art for the community and a community for artists.

As Dayton's 501c3 non-profit community art center since 1991, we present Exhibitions, Public Programs and Events, Community Partnerships and Artist Services to over 100,000 gallery visitors and 139,000 program, event and community partnership audiences a year. We advance the area's rich arts and culture profile by providing artists with a professional place to show work, hone skills and make connections to the art world. We give the community a place to see and learn about contemporary art and meet artists. At its core, DVAC provides art for the community and a community for artists.

DVAC receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council, Culture Works, Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The Dayton Power & Light Foundation and the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, and Members.

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DVAC25 Season Partners: Premier Health, Lou and Steve Mason, Betsy and Lee Whitney, Linda Lombard, Kathy and John Emery, and Pam and George Houk.

**Also On View:**

*Landfell* | a site-specific mural by Wesley Berg

*Tiny Office Show: New Work* by Yasue Sakaoka

*Dayton Printmakers Cooperative Spotlight: Megan Brandewie*

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**Gallery Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday | Closed Sunday & Monday  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on First Friday**