

**The Contemporary Dayton
Presents the 27th Annual Art Auction
Featuring a Live Event in the Newly Restored Dayton Arcade Rotunda**

*Plus, an Online Auction presenting 60 works of art, virtual and in-person art encounters,
and a chance to win a grand prize raffle.*

DAYTON (June 1, 2021) – The Contemporary Dayton (The Co), formerly known as Dayton Visual Arts Center, will host the 27th Annual Art Auction, featuring a live event Friday, June 25, 2021, and an online auction June 23-27, 2021. The live event will be the first ticketed event to take place in the magnificent, newly restored Rotunda in the historic Dayton Arcade. It will feature the work of Dayton-area and nationally-known artists, delicious food and drink, music and friends, as well as MC Shaun Yu of WDPR and Auctioneer Doug Sorrell. At the conclusion of the Live Auction program, guests will be ushered into The Co’s new galleries to enjoy a dessert, wine, coffee, and dancing. The action-packed evening will be limited to 125 guests who may designate their seating preference to groups of 6, 4, 2, or individually, to ensure each ticket-buyer’s preference for safety and comfort. Tickets are on sale now at The Co’s website or in-person at its downtown location and are \$75 per person for Members and \$90 for Non-Members. As one of Dayton’s largest and most fun fundraising events of the year, its proceeds fund future exhibitions and programs that provide art for the community and a community for artists.

“It is an honor for The Co to host the first ticketed event in the Rotunda at the Dayton Arcade. We have gone above and beyond this year to give our guests an event that they deserve: an exclusive, safe, in-person event with stunning art in a magical atmosphere. After postponing our usual April Annual Art Auction in 2020 and later moving it to entirely online, we are thrilled to invite all to be back together in-person for a wildly fun, highly eclectic, fast-paced evening of all things contemporary art,” says Eva Buttacavoli, Executive Director of The Co.

The artists whose work will be up for bid are some of Dayton’s most notable including Zachary Armstrong, Willis “Bing” Davis, Katherine Kadish, Evelyn Mahrt, Mychaelyn Michalec, Richard Malogorski, and Bruce Soifer. Additionally, The Co’s new curator, Michael Goodson, has added an impressive list of work from nationally-renowned artists including Ann Hamilton, Ohio resident and celebrated “sensory” and fabric installation artist; Donald Moffett, New York AIDS-era activist, designer, and celebrated painter; Carrie Moyer, New York artist and Whitney Biennial Alum, best known for her vividly-colored and textured abstract paintings; American photojournalist/photo-anthropologist, Bill Owens, whose 1973 book *Suburbia* is considered one of the seminal photobooks of the 20st century and features, in newer editions, a forward essay by filmmaker Sofia Coppola; Detroit-based artist Beverly Fishman who creates powerful abstract paintings that address technology and the pharmaceutical industry; and Brooklyn painter, Fred Tomaselli, who is represented by one of his infamous silkscreens in which he colorfully reimagines the events of Hurricane Katrina on the front page of *The New York Times*. Each of these works will be accompanied by a monographic book signed by each artist.

Simultaneously, The Co will present an Online Auction beginning on June 23 through June 27, 2021 with over 60 works of art that represent a curated selection of the most accomplished and compelling artists in the area, as well as a selection of virtual and in-person art encounters. Virtual art encounter packages include a Guided Watercolor Painting Lesson; Wine Tasting with Argentinian and Tuscan Selections; a Q&A with the elite of Broadway's theatrical professionals; a Coaching-Vocal-Choreography Session; and a Grandmaster Chess Lesson. In-person packages include Glassblowing with Jim DeLange; a Custom Mural by Mural Machine; and Exclusive Columbus and Cincinnati Art Tour with The Co's Curator. Viewing and bidding on artwork and experiences is available at no cost, but you must register to bid.

Additionally, The Co will offer a Grand Prize Raffle for the chance to win the opportunity to host the first Cocktail Party in The Co's New Galleries for up to 25 guests and includes select wines, craft beers, light bites, and music. Grand Prize Raffle Tickets are available now at The Co's downtown location or at thecontemporarydayton.org and are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

LIVE ART AUCTION DETAILS

Friday, June 25, 2021

6:30–9:30 p.m.

Live Auction begins at 8 p.m.

The Dayton Arcade Rotunda

35 W 4th Street, Dayton 45402

TICKETS *Attendance will be limited to 125 guests.*

Purchase tickets at thecontemporarydayton.org

General Admission Tickets: June 1–24, 2021

Members: \$75 | Non-Members: \$90

Admission Day of Event *at door only*: \$100

ONLINE AUCTION DETAILS

Wednesday, June 23 at 10 a.m. through Sunday, June 27 at 9 p.m.

Viewing and bidding on artwork and experiences is available at no cost, but you must register to bid.

View and bid on artwork at thecontemporarydayton.org

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ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON

Mission: To provide art for the community and a community for artists.

Overview: The Contemporary Dayton (The Co) is the region's contemporary art center. Established in 1991 as The Dayton Visual Arts Center, a 501c3, The Co produces and presents 9-12 original exhibitions and 12-15 programs, events, community partnerships, and artist opportunities each year. Exhibitions and education programs feature the most exciting and important work of our time created by artists living and working today, with an emphasis on the artists of Ohio, women artists, and artists of color. The Co is led by Executive Director, Eva Buttacavoli, a 30-year museum administrator, curator, and educator who previously served as Curator and Director of Exhibitions and Education at The Contemporary Austin (TX) and the Perez Art Museum, Miami (FL); and Curator Michael Goodson, who previously served as Senior Curator at the Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus; Director and Curator at the Columbus College of Art and Design's Beeler Gallery; and as Director at James Cohan Gallery, NY.