

## PRESS RELEASE

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## **DVAC PRESENTS 22<sup>nd</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!"





March 25, 2016 (Dayton, OH) – The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) presents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Auction on Friday, April 29, 2016 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 at 7:30 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 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 2016 Art Auction include Julie Beyer, Jane Dippold, John Emery, Michealyn Mychalec, Bruce Soifer, Francis Schanberger, Tasue Sakaoka, William Jacobs, Connie Hanselman and Laura Faulkner, among many others.

Guests of DVAC's Annual Art Auction will enjoy live music, a cash bar, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$50 for DVAC Members, \$60 for nonmembers, and \$75 at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at <a href="https://www.daytonvisualarts.org">www.daytonvisualarts.org</a> or by calling DVAC at (937) 224-3822. All auction artwork is available to be viewed digitally on the DVAC web site, <a href="https://www.daytonvisualarts.org">www.daytonvisualarts.org</a>. Event parking is complimentary in the garage below The Ponitz Center.

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.

Prior to the Art Auction, DVAC will host an Auction Preview event at DVAC on April 20, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Highlights of this Preview event include the Live Auction Reveal, which will showcase the pieces that will be in the live portion of the Art Auction, 8 Artists-to-Watch featuring some of the best up-and-coming artists, and the DVAC 2016 Collectors Collection, which introduces guests to local art collectors and patrons.

"This fun and casual preview event has it all!" said Buttacavoli. "A meet and greet with Auction artists, the Live Auction Reveal, 8 spotlight exhibitions of Eva's Auction Artists-to-Watch and DVAC's 2016 Collectors Collection. You don't want to miss it!"

The Auction Preview event is free and open to all and guests will enjoy a cash bar and yummy bites. Also, DVAC Art Auction tickets may be purchased at this event.

To learn more about the DVAC Art Auction, visit <a href="www.daytonvisualarts.com">www.daytonvisualarts.com</a>. If you are interested in sponsoring this fundraising event, please contact Eva Buttacavoli at 937. 224.3822.

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## **ABOUT DVAC**

The Dayton Visual Arts Center (DVAC) helps sustain the arts community by providing a place to show, market, and sell work and also helps satisfy the needs and wants of art-lovers who have a place to see artists' work and, often, meet the artists. At its core, DVAC advances 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. Community Partner Members include Houser Asphalt & Concrete, LMG-Lunne Marketing Group, LWC Inc., Mousaian Oriental Rugs, Premier Health, Square One Salon & Spa and members.

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