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**The Contemporary Dayton
Presents
CoSHOP Holiday 2023
Featuring: Co, WHAT FUN! and Small Bites, Big Impact**

DAYTON (Nov 9, 2023) – The Contemporary Dayton’s gift shop, the CoSHOP, presents **Co, WHAT FUN!**, a curated collection of over 500 holiday and winter-themed fine art and fine craft from select community-driven artists. And **Small Bites, Big Impact**, a shop and sip event, on Thu, Nov 30, from 6-8 p.m. The Co, WHAT FUN! Collection and the Small Bites Big Impact event both benefit participating local artists and The Contemporary Dayton’s exhibitions and public programs.

Co, WHAT FUN!

Delight in the creative wonderland of CoSHOP Holiday. This holiday season the CoSHOP theme is themed **Co, WHAT FUN!** and features a curated selection of holiday “giftables.” These unique, handmade pieces are a reflection of our talented local and regional artists, all of whom contribute to our vibrant arts community everyday. With over 500 unique items, we are proud to present this dazzling destination for unique, one-of-a-kind gift hunting this festive season.

Co, WHAT FUN! takes our already amazing CoSHOP and transforms it with the addition of 20 handpicked local artisans who each specialize in a wide range of creative disciplines including ceramics, painting, sculpture, jewelry design, textiles, and more. The CoSHOP is not only a lively marketplace, but a platform to honor our artisans and make their artwork more accessible to a wider audience.

Visitors can anticipate an impressive showcase that challenges convention and provokes thought, providing an exciting alternative to the traditional shopping experience.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be an open house....This will give visitors a chance to meet the artisans in person, gain an insight into their craft and perhaps even learn a few tricks of the trade.

“Our aim is to encourage community supporters, art lovers, collectors, and casual shoppers alike, to come together and celebrate our vibrant local artisan community”, says The Co Executive Director & Chief Curator Eva Buttacavoli. She continues, “The event provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals to purchase unique, locally made gifts that hold special stories, just in time for the holiday season.”

Co, WHAT FUN! is open to all, commencing on [starting date] and concluding on [ending date].

Mark your calendar and make a trip down to the [venue] this festive season for an unparalleled art-shopping experience and support our local artisan community. It's not just about taking home a beautiful, locally-made piece, but also celebrating and appreciating the hard work and skill that went into its creation.

As the festive season approaches, we're teaming up with our neighbors, Gather and Est! Est!! Est!!! as we warmly invite you to Little Bites, Big Impact on November 30 from 6-8pm.

Sample scrumptious, specially crafted noshings from all three locations.

With each bite, you'll be celebrating and directly supporting our thriving local small businesses within the historic Dayton Arcade as we work to make a significant impact on our community!

It'll be an evening of delicious fun and an easy way to support local during the holiday season. Join us on Nov 30, where little bites will make a big impact!

Mouth-Watering Bites:

Feast your senses on an array of appetizing nibbles from Gather, Est! Est!! Est!!!, and The Contemporary. All located within the Dayton Arcade, each spot will offer small bites, letting you sample an assortment of delicious flavors.

Holiday Shopping:

In between eating and mingling, please browse our vibrant holiday market featuring many locally made goods, unique gifts, artisan products, and so much more. Here, you'll get the opportunity to support The Contemporary's incredible selection of giftables while getting your holiday shopping done early.

Dinner:

Hungry for more than a selection of little bites? Plan to eat a hearty artisanal pizza and pasta dinner at Dayton's newest foodie destination, Est! Est!! Est!!!

Music and Entertainment:

Each Thursday at 7:30pm, Gather hosts live jazz. Stay after Little Bites, Big Impact, and enjoy a cocktail and great music!

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For more information about The Co and its holiday shop, Co, WHAT FUN!, please visit our website at codayton.org, email us at cking@thecontemporarydayton.org or call 937-224-3822.

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GALLERY & CoSHOP HOURS

Wednesday–Saturday 11 am–6 pm

Sunday 11 am–4 pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

ALWAYS FREE

Special Hours: Holly Days at The Dayton Arcade

December 6, 7, 8 'til 8 pm

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