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Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

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MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS CELEBRATES BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AT THIS YEAR'S ARTIST MARKET

The 12th annual Artist Market welcomes over 30 innovative and established artists with works for sale—perfect for unique holiday gifts and collectors alike.

Montgomery, AL, November 9, 2022 – Artist Market returns to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, November 19, from 10 AM to 4 PM, just in time for holiday shopping! Set against the backdrop of the Museum's grand Rotunda and the Lowder Gallery, Artist Market brings local artists and community members together.

Along with some familiar faces from previous Artist Markets—such as painter George Taylor, jewelry maker Queen Opulence, textile artist Winki Allen, and glass artist Helen Shields—there will be several artists new to the event, like painter Tamiah Coleman, jeweler Avani Patel, photographer Brian Braden, and textile artist Aaron Sanders Head—showcasing the best of the River Region's diverse art scene. With price points for every budget and one-of-a-kind artwork in a variety of media, there is truly something for everyone at Artist Market. Local food trucks will be on-site during lunch, with musical performances from Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet School throughout the day.

MMFA Board President Laurie J. Weil, D.V.M. says, "The MMFA Artist Market is a fabulous, fun party where you marvel at the breadth and depth of the arts talent in the River Region, purchase holiday



Bracelet by Joanne Staley

presents for friends and family—and something special and unique for yourself, meet old friends and make new friends. I like to go early and delight in walking up and down the aisles looking at the wide range of creativity and talking with the artists.”



George Taylor, *Cloverdale Road Magnolias*, 2022, oil on canvas

MMFA Director Angie Dodson added, “events like Artist Market give the Museum a chance to share its platform and amplify the voices and work of emerging and established creatives in the region. And, adding to Laurie’s comment, Artist Market is a party...with a purpose—proceeds from Artist Market benefit the local artist community as well as educational programming for them and for the larger community at the Museum.”

Montgomery artist Korey Rowswell shares, “As a military spouse, getting involved in the local arts community and learning about regional materials has been an essential part of my artistic process. When we moved to Montgomery, I was thrilled to be so close to a museum that gives the local art scene opportunities like the peer critiques at ArtTalk. I look forward to participating in the Artist Market because of the kind and supportive relationship I cultivated with the museum staff and showcasing the broad spectrum of my studio practice; from vintage kimono bags to watercolor and ink drawings to hand-embroidered landscapes.”

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts members get a first look at Artist Market on Friday, November 18, at a preview event that includes a complimentary drink and hors d'oeuvres. For more information on

becoming a Museum member or to renew your membership ahead of the event, please visit mmfa.org/join.

Participating Artists

Glass

Helen Shields and Gloria Simons

Jewelry

Avani Patel, Queen Opulence Ra, and Joanne Staley

Mixed Media

Tamiah Coleman, Tara Sartorius, Sarah Tanner, and the AUM Art Club

Oils or Acrylics

Camilla Armstrong, Steve Barrington, Carole Bandy Carson, Warren Christopher, Trish Gober, Tori Jackson, Kay Sasser Jacoby, Linda Lee, Lara Oshon, and George Taylor

Pen and Ink

Shannon Anderson, Maria Hager-Freedman, and Sharon Samples

Photography

Brian Braden

Stone and Ceramics

Brooks Barrow, Earthborn Studio Pottery, Christopher Greenman, and Randy Shoults

Textiles

Winki Allen, Janice Dennis, Aaron Sanders Head, and Korey Rowswell.

Watercolors

Rhonda Hancock

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Stone bowls by Brooks Barrow

ABOUT THE MMFA

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts was founded in 1930 by a group of local artists as a place for both exhibiting art and a space for art education. The original intentions of the founders—to exhibit and teach—continue to inspire and inform every action and activity at the Museum. Since 1988, the MMFA has shared the 175-acre Blount Cultural Park with partners across the lake at the celebrated Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Today's MMFA visitors stroll through art-studded grounds and permanent collection galleries. They see compelling changing exhibitions and learn about art by playing in the interactive gallery, ArtWorks; making art in the bustling studios, and by participating in other engaging events and programs. In addition, MMFA visitors can relax and recharge in the serenity of the Museum's stunning three-acre John and Joyce Caddell Sculpture Garden.

While the Museum's collection is still home to the art of many of the regional artists who first established it, over time, it has become known for its strengths in American art and Old Master prints. Recent, important acquisitions of art made by African American and Asian American artists and works inspired by images and themes related to the experiences of these groups represent the breadth and depth of the lives and concerns of those who call Montgomery and the River Region home. Through the exhibition of these works and the programs and events that help connect our communities with it, the MMFA has become recognized as a leading arts and cultural resource here in the state and Southeastern region.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT:	Artist Market
WHEN:	Saturday, November 19; 10 AM to 4 PM
WHERE:	Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park One Museum Drive Montgomery, AL 36117
INFORMATION:	mmfa.org 334.625.4333 @MontgomeryMFA
HOURS:	Galleries, ArtWorks, Sculpture Garden, Terrace, and Shop: Mondays, Closed Tuesdays–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM Last entry at 4:45 PM
ADMISSION:	Free! With ample, free parking.

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