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**Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum's BidUP! Silent Auction Fundraiser Offers Original Art
Art sale and reception: Friday, November 15, 2019, 6-8 p.m.**

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Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, the museum at Mesa Arts Center, will host BidUP!, a silent auction and fundraiser featuring the work of artists from Arizona and beyond on Friday, Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m. Contributed artwork in a variety of mediums will be displayed in the Museum Nov. 12-15 and sold in a silent auction format during the 6-8 p.m. reception on Nov. 15. Admission to the event is free and all proceeds from the sale will benefit Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum's exhibition and educational programs.

Artwork donations are being accepted through Friday, Oct. 25. Artists 18+ are invited to submit artwork in any medium, not exceeding 24 x 24 x 24 inches. Wall objects must be ready to hang. Artists who have submitted artwork for auction to date include David Amoroso, Lynne Avril, Sandy Blain, Brent Bond, Alexandria Bowers, Corinne Geertsen, Emily Ritter, Helen Rowles, Kaori Takamura, Loretta Tedeschi Cuoco, Mark McDowell, Farraday Newsome and Jeff Reich.. Following this event, BidUP will take a hiatus in 2020, while the Museum re-evaluates the format.

"The event is a great way to support your local museum, while getting original works of art by talented local artists. This year, the artists have really kicked it up a notch. People can acquire some stellar pieces at affordable prices!" said Tiffany Fairall, Chief Curator. The Nov. 15 reception also includes the premier of the 2020 Original Print Calendar, artists in attendance, a cash bar and sweet treats, musical entertainment by the Dusty Ramblers Project Large Band.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa. Those interested in submitting artwork or attending the event can find additional information [here](#).

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ABOUT MESA ARTS CENTER

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios and an artist cooperative gallery. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.