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## <u>IT'S AN ARTPARTY!</u> Anton Art Center to Host 34<sup>th</sup> Annual ArtParty Fundraiser

Mount Clemens, MI – The Anton Art Center will hold its 34<sup>th</sup> annual ArtParty Fundraiser presented by First State Bank on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00pm. This unforgettable evening of creativity and culture with a special 'Emerald Enchantment' 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme will be hosted at the Anton Art Center located at 125 Macomb Place in Mount Clemens.

Returning this year is the featured diverse mix of culinary fare of the "Taste of Macomb County", a wide collection of local restaurants housed under an elegant tent just outside the building where guests will enjoy sampling appetizers, desserts, and refreshments. Participating restaurants include Clementine's Pastries, Madison's Pub, Mangiabevi Urban Italian, Nothing Bundt Cakes, O'Halloran's Public House, Salsarita's Fresh Mexican Grill, and more.

Event entertainment will feature live music, art demonstrations, hands-on art experiences, raffles, dancing, and fine art exhibitions. Live music will include award-winning Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations and 'Urban Violinist' Kym Brady.

Anton Art Center Executive Director, Matt Matthews, shares, "ArtParty brings the arts and artists to the forefront reminding us that art is always around us, enriching our lives in quiet, powerful ways. ArtParty invites our community to see, feel, and support the transformative role of the arts."

All are welcome to join us! Art plays an important role in our communities by enriching people's lives, promoting creativity and self-expression, fostering cultural understanding and appreciation, and enhancing community development. Studies have shown that engagement in the arts can have positive effects on mental health, cognitive development, and overall wellbeing. Art can also be a powerful tool for social change, as it allows individuals and communities to explore important issues and express themselves in new and meaningful ways.

Additionally, the arts have been shown to have a positive impact on local economies by attracting tourists, creating jobs, and supporting small businesses. The Anton Art Center's ArtParty event not only provides a fun and engaging way for people to support the arts, but also helps to raise awareness of the important role that art plays in our communities. The event draws supporters of the Anton Art Center, community members, and civic leaders from across Macomb.

Tickets are \$85 for single tickets or \$160 for a pair. Proceeds from the event support the Anton Art Center's exhibits, programs and outreach as a vital resource for the community over the past 55 years. Tickets are available for purchase online at <a href="https://www.theartcenter.org/artparty">www.theartcenter.org/artparty</a> or by calling



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us at 1-586-469-8666. The event is made possible by many important supporters, including the Tamer Foundation and Axalta Coating Systems.

The Anton Art Center is a registered nonprofit organization in Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. The Anton Art Center is open for regular business hours Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-5pm; admission is free and open to the public. A metered lot and street parking is available; parking is free after 6pm and on weekends.

The Anton Art Center (AAC) was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. The AAC aims to build an open community around creative expression by presenting a wide array of programming to appeal to diverse audiences, providing support for the arts and becoming a focal point for arts programming, and working towards inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in all that we do to support our mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. Visit: <a href="https://www.theartcenter.org">www.theartcenter.org</a>.

Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.