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A YEAR OF ART AND WHAT'S TO COME AT THE ANTON ART CENTER IN 2024

Mount Clemens, MI - As the year ends, the Anton Art Center reflects on a remarkable 2023 and eagerly looks forward to an exciting 2024, filled with innovative programs, engaging exhibitions, and continued community partnerships.

The much-anticipated "Michigan Annual LI," Michigan's premier fine art competition, is set to kick off in the coming year. Drawing talented artists from all corners of the state, this event promises to showcase the finest in contemporary art and further solidify Anton Art Center's standing as a pillar for artistic excellence.

In a continuing move towards engaging with the local community, Anton Art Center will expand its partnerships with local libraries and the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) on arts and literacy initiatives. This initiative aims to foster creativity and artistic expression among students, promoting the merging of arts and education.

Adding to the diverse tapestry of exhibitions in 2024 is "The Outdoors," a showcase featuring artwork by members of the Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores, Mount Clemens Art Association, Romeo Guild of Art, Shelby Township Fine Art Society, and Warren Tri-County Fine Arts, Inc. This collaborative exhibition promises a visual feast of plein air artwork, capturing the essence of nature through various artistic lenses.

The Anton Art Center had a wonderful holiday season in the 2023 Holiday Market, which welcomed 22 new artists to the market for 110 total contributing artists. The additional artists not only contributed to the market's success, but many of them also volunteered their time, embodying the spirit of community collaboration. The Anton Art Center looks forward to reopening their extraordinary Art Market on January 20, 2024, and continuing to reach out to new artists.

The Education Team at Anton Art Center is pleased to welcome back our Art Instructors and students with our line-up of class favorites, while also welcoming new instructors in 2024 with exciting new class offerings.

Peggy DiMercurio, Interim Director of the Anton Art Center shares her excitement for the coming year. "Through 2023 we worked to create a welcoming and creative space at Anton Art Center and to spread the word throughout the community. We are approaching 2024 with confidence and excitement to continue that work with collaboration and artistic exploration. We are thrilled about the expansion of our programs, the remarkable talents that will be part of the



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upcoming exhibitions, and the deepening connections with our community through our partnerships. With the Anton Art Center team, the unwavering support of our patrons, dedicated artists, volunteers, and the community, we look forward to a year of inspiration, creativity, and the continued celebration of the arts."

As Anton Art Center embarks on the new year, the organization expresses gratitude to its patrons, artists, partners, and the community for their ongoing support. The Anton Art Center remains dedicated to fostering a vibrant arts community and invites everyone to join them on this journey of creativity and inspiration.

For questions or information, visit www.theartcenter.org or call 586-469-8666. The Anton Art Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, Michigan, with a mission to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts.

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. Our mission is to enrich and inspire people of all ages through the arts. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge Foundation, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the Erb Family Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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2023 MISD Macomb Reads Literacy Carnival



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