



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Department of Art & Design

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Dear Artist,

We are happy to announce our annual **Friends of the Arts Le Grand Bal Art Auction**. This silent auction supports Art & Design students and is held in conjunction with **Le Grand Bal**, a major fundraising event to support fine arts student scholarships and other educational opportunities in the College of Fine Arts & Communication.

This year's event will be held **Saturday, March 25th** beginning with **Le Grand Bal Art Auction** from **6:00-7:30 pm in the Dishman Art Museum**. Works will be exhibited March 13th – 25th and will be available for presales March 13th- 24th during Dishman Art Museum hours.

To enter artworks: Hand-delivered, exhibition-ready artworks will be accepted in the Dishman Art Museum **Tuesday, March 7th – Wednesday, March 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Up to **3** works, preferably in the same series and not previously shown in the auction, are encouraged as the works may be exhibited together. Works must be accompanied by **entry forms**, which can be obtained at drop off or accessed at Lamar.edu/art. **(Please see the attachment for full instructions and commissions.)**

To attend the Silent Auction or Le Grand Bal: Please let us know upon artwork delivery if you would like to attend the auction so we can prepare a name tag for you. If you wish to purchase a ticket to attend Le Grand Bal, please visit <https://www.lamar.edu/fine-arts-communication/le-grand-bal/>. This year's theme is the Lamar University Centennial Celebration.

To pick up purchased works and winning bids: Successful bidders will be notified by Monday March 27th. Monies will be collected and purchased artworks can be picked up between **Monday March 27th – Saturday April 1st** during Dishman Art Museum hours. Please phone the Department of Art & Design to make any special arrangements.

To pick up unsold works: Artists must pick up unsold works from the Dishman Art Museum on **Monday, March 27th** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please phone the Department of Art & Design if you need assistance.

To make a donation: If you would like to donate the full sale amount or make a monetary donation to a specific scholarship endowment, such as the Jerry Newman Scholarship (Painting), the Jack Shofner Scholarship (Graphic Design), the Lorene David Scholarship (Art Education), please contact the Department of Art & Design 409-880-8141 or art-design@lamar.edu.

We hope to see your art in the auction!

Dr. Stephanie Chadwick, Interim Chair
Department of Art & Design

Dr. Golden Wright, Interim Dean
College of Fine Arts & Communication

Organizers: Associate Professors Christopher Troutman and Joana Hyatt, Visiting Assistant Professor Eric Johnston, Dishman Art Museum Staff, and Department of Art & Design student volunteers.

To enter artworks in Le Grand Bal Art Auction:

- **Delivery of Work:** hand-delivered, exhibition-ready artworks will be accepted in the Dishman Art Museum **Tues. March 7th – Wed. March 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**
- **Up to 3 works**, preferably in the same series and not previously shown in the auction, are encouraged as the works will be exhibited together.
- **Paintings and other two-dimensional works** should be no more than 48” in width and ready to hang with wire for hanging. Paintings on canvas must be dry and suitable for installation.
- **Works on paper** must be framed, mounted or matted, and under glass or plexiglass.
- **Three-dimensional works** must be sturdy and easily handled by one person.
- **Inspection:** although not a juried exhibition, works will be examined at the time of hand delivery, and those not meeting exhibition standards will not be hung.
- **Entry Forms:** University submission forms that include the artist name, title, date of the works, and pricing are required and can be accessed at the art drop off or online at Lamar.edu/art.
- **Artist Bio:** We encourage you to provide a short biography (up to 250 words) to showcase with your work.
- **Commission:** as this is a fundraising event, participating artists receive 50% of the sale prices of works while the **Friends of the Arts** retain the remaining 50% for student support. We encourage you to price your works accordingly.
- **Proceeds:** all funds benefit Art & Design students.
- **Unsold works:** Pick up unsold works **Mon. March 27th**.