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INSPIRES IGNITE THE NIGHT

Fan The Flames of Creativity, Community & Possibility

GALA 2026

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Dear Friend of the Museum & Sponsor,

The Canton Museum of Art announces its **2026 Art Inspires Gala: IGNITE THE NIGHT** – Saturday, **November 21, 2026, 6 - 10pm, at the Museum and Cultural Center Great Court. Our theme this year is *Fan The Flames*, a vibrant celebration igniting our shared passion for creativity, community, and possibility through art.** Last year’s Gala, thanks to you and all, raised an historic level of funds – \$127,000 going directly to support CMA exhibitions, education programs, and community outreach.

Please join (or re-join) us as a sponsor for this artfully elegant evening inside the Museum, recognizing CMA’s impact across our community and contributions of connecting art to life:

Creating engaging exhibitions bringing visitors from around the world to our city ...

Inspiring thousands of students in our classrooms through art(s) education while improving their academic performance ...

Supporting health and well-being with creative expression and social connection, and ...

Sparking innovation in our business community by activating creativity and inspiration.

From our downtown to our neighborhoods, from our schools to our businesses – CMA adds value to strengthen and sustain quality of life and vitality across our community.

Art Inspires Gala 2026 will immerse you in our new featured exhibition, *Outside the Lines*, showcasing Abstract Expressionism in American Art. Works are drawn from CMA’s Collection and private collections, including artists such as Alexander Calder, Robert Motherwell, and others whose bold works invite personal engagement between art and viewer!

The evening will feature experiences that connect you with the art and artists, live music and performances, art-making to ignite your creativity, curated bites and drinks, plus exciting auctions that will dazzle the senses and provide exceptional experiences.

We hope that you will join us in making this a spectacular celebration of your CMA and raising funds to support our mission for “everyone to discover, learn, and be inspired” with American art. Your support comes with recognition benefits, placing you in front of community leaders, museum friends, and art(s) lovers. Levels and benefits are enclosed.

With your generous support, we can continue making art – and inspiration – accessible to all. Contact me at 330.453.7666 ex.100 or email at max@cantonart.org with any questions. Thank you for your consideration and support of this unforgettable night!

Max R. Barton II
Director & CEO



More Details to Come at CantonArt.org/artinspiresgala

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Presenting Masterpiece Sponsor - \$10,000 *

- Lead sponsor name / logo placement on event materials (web, print, program)
- Exhibition sponsorship, logo listed on gallery and print materials for all featured exhibits for the 2026-2027 exhibition season (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)
- Event name / logo listing in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Name / logo listing on Museum website, social media and e-blasts
- Up to 10 event tickets (Table +2)

Platinum Artist Sponsor - \$7,500 *

- Name / logo placement on web, print, event signage, and program
- Partial Exhibition sponsorship, name listed for all featured exhibits for the 2026-2027 exhibition season (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)
- Event name / logo listing in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Name / logo listing on Museum website, social media and e-blasts
- Name / logo recognition on event signage and in program
- 8 event tickets (Table)

Gold Artist Sponsor - \$5,000 *

- Name / logo recognition as Event Sponsor in print, event signage, and program
- Event name / logo listing in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Logo listing on Museum website, e-blasts and social media
- 6 event tickets

Silver Artist Sponsor - \$2,500 *

- Name / logo recognition in print collateral, event signage and program
- Name / logo recognition in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Name / logo recognition on Museum website, e-blasts, and social media
- Up to 4 event tickets

Bronze Artist Sponsor - \$1,000 *

- Name / logo recognition in print collateral, event signage, and program
- Name / logo recognition in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Name / logo recognition on Museum website, e-blasts, and social media
- 2 event tickets

Copper Artist Sponsor - \$500 *

- Name listing in Canton Museum of Art Members Magazine
- Name recognition on the Museum website and social media
- Name recognition in program
- 1 event ticket

Friend of the Museum - \$250 * Can't attend the event?

- Make a donation and receive name recognition in program

***All or a portion of your contribution is tax-deductible.**

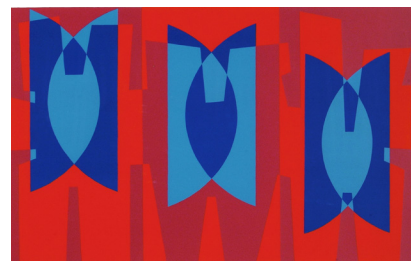
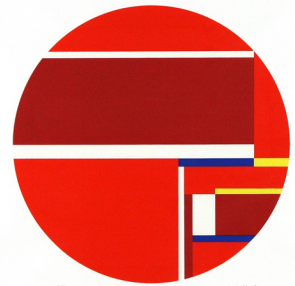
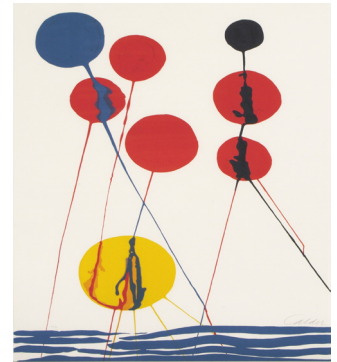
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Featuring the Signature Exhibit

OUTSIDE THE LINES A Celebration of Abstract Expressionism

Nov 24, 2026 - Mar 7, 2027



Balloons, 1973. Alexander Calder.

Red Tondo, 1979. Ilya Bolotowsky.
on paper. Collection of Canton Museum of Art.

Untitled Silkscreen in Color, 1970. Jimmy Ernst

Anticipated Media Impressions:

CMA Magazine: 8,000 copies

Website: 200,000 impressions

Social Media: Over 90,000 impressions

Museum attendance: 51,000+ annually



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Sponsor Information

Print name as you would like it to appear in the program.

Business/Company Name _____

If a business, please provide name of contact person.

Contact _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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I would prefer that my contribution and/or my name be kept confidential.

Sponsorship Level **NOTE: Sponsorship funds go directly to CMA programming!**

\$10,000 \$7,500 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other \$ _____

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VISA **MASTERCARD** **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

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Questions? Contact: Max Barton, Director & CEO, max@cantonart.org, 330.435.7666 ext. 100



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Auction Sponsor Information

Print name as you would like it to appear with your item.

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Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone # _____ **Cell #** _____

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Description of Donation(s)

TITLE OF ITEM: _____

Please provide detailed info on your donated item and include restrictions such as expiration date, etc. as needed.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: _____

VALUE OF ITEM: _____

Email max@cantonart.org a hi-res photo of the item(s) you are donating with the subject line "GALA AUCTION PHOTO."

Item(s) are included **Please pick-up item(s) - DATE/TIME:** _____

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COMMITTEE CONTACT (For internal use only): _____



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CMA
90th 2025
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Creating Engaging Exhibitions
Enjoyed by Thousands ...



Educating Students of All Ages in
Our Classrooms & Community ...



Connecting with Families for a
Safe Place to Dream & Create ...



Museum Visitors came from
**47 STATES &
12 COUNTRIES**
to Enjoy Our Exhibitions & City



School of Art
Classes &
Workshops
Inspired
**3,200
STUDENTS**
from Toddlers to
Teens, Adults &
Seniors

Museum To Go Created
6,033 CLASSROOM



Art(s) Learning Experiences +
Museum Field Trips

Museum Programs &
Outreach Events Engaged Nearly
10,200 PARTICIPANTS

Across Our
Community,
including creative
collaborations with

- JRC
- Stark Library
- Y on The Fly
- Stark Pride
- Aultman Hospital
- & More!



Exhibitions,
Classes &
Museum
Programs
Engaged

**51,700 TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS**



1,900 INDIVIDUALS



from 15 organizations across
our community used CMA's Art
Therapy Program to connect,
create & heal.

53%
of CMA's exhibition visitors were
CULTURAL TOURISTS
to our community *

* Based on quarterly reports, 2024 - 25



**CMA's tourism visitors provided
more than \$10.6M
in tourism spending
across our community ***

* As reported to Visit Canton since 2019,
based on Visit Canton tourism calculations.



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11.22.2025

Thank You,

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