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**CAM hosts the 2nd annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace—an online event**



The Vixen joins the Black Friday Ball panel discussion. Courtesy the artist.

**November 24, 2020 (St. Louis, MO)** - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis announces a change to Qu'art's 2nd annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace. Due to health concerns relating to the coronavirus, the marketplace will no longer be an onsite event, but unique items by queer Black artists and makers will be available for purchase on CAM's [Shop](#) website. The Black Friday Ball remains as an online event, Friday, November 27, 6:00–8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to stream the stellar evening of talk, performance, fashion, and Vogue competition. The night begins with a panel discussion featuring leaders and advocates of the Black LGBTQ community. These include:

- Phillippe M. Cunningham, Minneapolis City Councilmember and the first and currently only out trans man of color elected to office in the U.S. Councilman Cunningham serves as Chair of the Minneapolis City Council's Public Health and Safety committee and is the lead councilmember for the city's transformative community safety work.
- Shigo Ladurée, drag performer. Shigo resides in Paris and is a self-branded "drag villain" and Black Lives Matter advocate.
- Kayla Reed, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Action St. Louis. Kayla is a Black, queer, feminist, organizer and strategist who works to build Black political power in St. Louis.
- The Vixen, drag performer. During her participation on the tenth season of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, she raised a conversation around racial dynamics among her fellow drag queens. She founded BlackGirlMagic, a drag concert, where queens of color can celebrate their unique experiences through storytelling and performance.

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To add greater sparkle to the event, the Ball & Vogue competition follows with such drag stars as Majic Dyke and Blanca The Bawdy, along with other extraordinary entertainers. Special commentary will be provided by Meko Lee Burr.

**Black Friday Ball & Marketplace**

**Fri, November 27, 2020**

**6:00–8:00 pm at [twitch.tv/Quartstl](https://www.twitch.tv/Quartstl)**



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Qu'art, pronounced like a "Quart" of milk, is a St. Louis based organization focused on using queer art as a platform for social change.

For more information, details visit [camstl.org/event/black-friday-ball/](https://camstl.org/event/black-friday-ball/)

**About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis**

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis works to enrich lives and inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning through experiences with contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, the Museum reflects and contributes to the global cultural landscape while engaging thousands of visitors through a wide array of public programs. CAM nurtures the creative minds of our city's youth through free, in-depth art education, making a long-lasting impact on the community. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all.

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