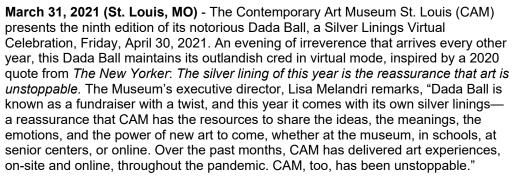
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CAM's Dada Ball is a Silver Linings Virtual Celebration, April 30, 2021





"The Dada Ball spirit cannot be hindered by Zoom boxes," says Melandri, "especially for a celebration of those who have made CAM an unstoppable force: our dedicated Board of Trustees, our supportive Dada Ball Committee, our gracious sponsors, our intrepid Dada Ball Co-Chairs Susan Barrett and Margaret McDonald, and all of those who got us through a profoundly difficult year and kept us going. I thank and praise you all."

The Dada Ball raises essential funds for its dynamic exhibitions, thought-provoking public programs, and impactful educational initiatives. Dada Ballers are known for their generosity and commitment to CAM, and for their expressive Dada-bilities, whatever the mode of contact. This year, in a nod to Zoom life, they are invited to invent their own "couch couture."

Susan Barrett and Margaret McDonald not only serve as co-chairs, but as co-hosts of the event, which will feature musical performances by St. Louis favorites the Red and Black Brass Band, who marched through the city streets giving hundreds of impromptu concerts last summer; and Tonina, bass player and vocalist who made it onto a Barack Obama top-playlist. They are joined by Moor Mother, poet, singer/songwriter, activist, visual artist and more, who is based in Philadelphia's verdant music scene. A number of CAM artists appear offering appreciation, support,



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and their own silver linings during the event, including Katherine Bernhardt, Big Freedia, Derek Fordjour, Marilyn Minter, Amy Sherald, Laurie Simmons, Mickalene Thomas, Lisa Yuskavage, and other bright art-world stars.

All proceeds from the Dada Ball benefit CAM and are driven by contemporary art's unstoppable force. For more information contact dada@camstl.org.



Dada Ball A Silver Linings Virtual Celebration Friday, April 30, 7:00 pm

Tickets: Benefactor \$500; Patron \$1,000

For the price of a ticket, Dada Ballers receive an exclusive link to the party plus a cocktail-hour Dada Box filled with surprises. An additional After Party Zoom Room opens following the main event.

Location: Virtual Dada Reality

Attire: Couch couture

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About the Dada movement

In 1916 a group of artists gathered at the Cabaret Voltaire in Zurich and formed a brief yet influential art movement in reaction to nationalism and the horrors of World War I. They championed an art against normality, mocked convention and tradition, and unbuttoned a very buttoned-down era. Every other year CAM holds its notorious Dada Ball in honor of the Dada spirit that brought new life and light to art after a time of unprecedented death and destruction, a movement of ideas that confronted power with irreverence.

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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