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CAM hosts the 3rd annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace



Graphic: Maxi Glamour.

November 10, 2021 (St. Louis, MO) - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) announces Qu'art's 3rd annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace, which will be held at the museum, Friday, November 26, 4:00–9:00 pm. The event includes shopping for the perfect holiday gift among specialty items created by Black Queer artists and makers, many of whom will be present to talk about their work with shoppers. The evening is hosted and emceed by Maxi Glamour, founder of Qu'art, an organization focused on intersectional Queer liberation and supporting financial stability for Queer artists in St. Louis and beyond.

The event includes a panel discussion featuring leaders and advocates of the Black LGBTQ+ community speaking on strategies of Black Queer liberation, with Maxi Glamour serving as moderator. The panelists are:

- Toni Bryce, trans activist and actress featured on Starz's *P-Valley*;
- David Dwight, Executive Director of Forward through Ferguson;
- Cypress Reign, Professor of Communications at St. Louis University; Co-Founder of the Institute for Healing Justice and Equity; and Founder of The Justice Fleet.

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Following the discussion, Black Queer performance artists of all styles will take the stage including Lavish Jules, burlesque artist; Adria Nicole, vocalist; Passion Principle, drag performer; and Lydia Wehmeyer, who will be performing slam poetry on the stage and selling her paintings and photography in the Marketplace. Maxi Glamour and their band, featuring Eric Dontè, are scheduled to play a spirited set.

This year's Ball and Vogue competition comes with commentary by up-and-coming legend Vanessa Frost, and a group of distinguished jurors known for their runway expertise: Father Trell Chanel, Dee "Carta" Davis, Godmother Spirit Ebony, Logik Oricci, and Anthony Redd Williams. Cash prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Hands, Face, Bizarre Bazaar, Runway, Sex Siren, and New Vogue. Grand Prize Vogue receives a \$1,000 award.

What: Black Friday Ball & Marketplace

Where: Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

When: Fri, November 26, 2021

4:00 pm: Marketplace opens

5:00 pm: Panel

6:15 pm: Drag and music performances

7:30 pm: Vogue competition

This is a free event. RSVP recommended. For more information and details, visit camstl.org/event/black-friday-ball-2/

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.

About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis creates meaningful engagement with the most relevant and innovative art being made today. Founded by civic and cultural leaders in 1980, the Museum transformed from a small gallery into an internationally recognized arts institution, now permanently housed in a flexible, open, and inviting building designed by renowned American architect Brad Cloepfil. CAM's distinct architecture reflects the organization's values and supports a dynamic range of exhibitions, public programs, educational initiatives, and community collaborations. The only museum in the region solely dedicated to contemporary art, CAM is one of the preeminent non-collecting institutions of its kind in the United States. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all. For more information, visit camstl.org.

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