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## MEDIA ALERT

### CAM hosts 4th annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace on November 25th



**November 16, 2022 (St. Louis, MO)** - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) announces Qu'art's 4th annual Black Friday Ball & Marketplace, which will be held at the museum on Friday, November 25, 4:00–9:00 pm. The event includes shopping for the perfect holiday gift among specialty items created by Black Queer artists and makers, including Tiélere Cheatem, Kyla Hawkins, Ino, KB, nigerdermonee, Ng0zitheflower, and Ori Tala. The evening is hosted and emceed by Maxi Glamour, a legendary drag artist and founder of Qu'art, an organization focused on intersectional Queer liberation and supporting financial stability for Queer artists in St. Louis and beyond.

Design courtesy Maxi Glamour.

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:

- Miyonee Hickman, Community Outreach Lead for the Mo Ho Justice Coalition
- Rasheen Aldridge, State Representative for the 78th District of St. Louis
- Yetunde Janski-Ogunfidodo, artist, event producer, and anti-oppression facilitator

Following the discussion, Black Queer artists of all performance styles will take the stage, with performances by Essence Mizrahi, Jaceon Simpson, Maven Lee, Vanessa Frost, Kenzie Couleé, and Maxi Glamour with Cowboy. This year's ball competition comes with commentary by iconic figures in the drag and ball scene, including Meko Lee Burr and Vanessa Frost. Cash prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Vogue (Black Panther), Runway (Artistic Couture), Hands (No Glove, No Love), Sex Siren (Leather and Lace), and Realness (Gender Euphoria).

Free HIV testing, Monkeypox vaccinations, and Covid boosters will be provided on-site by Vivent Health. Trans Housing Initiative St. Louis ([THISTL](http://THISTL.org)) will also be onsite to share their recent report on trans housing needs in St. Louis and provide rental assistance to BIPOC trans folk in need.

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**What:** Black Friday Ball & Marketplace  
**Where:** Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis  
**When:** Friday, November 25, 2022

4:00 pm: Marketplace opens  
5:00 pm: Panel  
6:00 pm: Galleries close  
6:15 pm: Drag and music performances  
7:30 pm: Ball

This is a free event. RSVP recommended. For more information and details, visit [camstl.org/event/black-friday-ball-3/](https://camstl.org/event/black-friday-ball-3/)

To schedule an interview with event organizer and Qu'art founder Maxi Glamour, please contact [slyons@camstl.org](mailto:slyons@camstl.org).

This program is presented in collaboration with [Qu'art](#) (@quart\_stl) and sponsored by Vivent Health and Bree Yard.



### 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](https://camstl.org).

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