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## **Mystery Meets Masterpiece: Incognito Art Auction & Party Returns to Memphis Botanic Garden this Summer**

Memphis, TN – The **Incognito Art Auction & Party** is back for its 15th year at the Memphis Botanic Garden, featuring over 100 original, unsigned works from local and regional artists, where the art speaks for itself and the identity of the artist remains a mystery until the auction ends.

The Incognito exhibition will be on view July 5-August 1 in the Garden's Visitors Center and Grand Hallway, offering guests nearly a month to explore this eclectic, one-of-a-kind collection. Online bidding opens July 15 and runs through the closing night celebration on Friday, August 1, from 6–8 PM.

The Incognito Auction Party, always a lively finale, invites art lovers, partygoers, and curious collectors to gather for an unforgettable evening. Guests can mingle with participating artists, enjoy live music by Kenneth Jackson, and place those last exciting bids while enjoying the fun atmosphere. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to embrace the “incognito” theme with creative costumes or masks, a playful nod to the event’s secretive twist.

“Incognito is a celebration of creativity, community, and the joy of discovering something unexpected,” said Carlee Zamora, Adult Education Coordinator at Memphis Botanic Garden. “It’s one of the most engaging ways we connect our art-loving audience with our mission and support both the Garden and the local artist community.”

The event is free and open to the public, with no tickets required this year. Bidders of all experience levels are welcome to participate, whether they’re first-time collectors or seasoned art patrons.

Proceeds from the auction directly benefit the Memphis Botanic Garden’s mission. Special thanks to Artists’ Link, a dedicated volunteer organization that connects artists and communities and has long supported this unique fundraiser.

“Each year, we’re blown away by the generosity and talent of our regional artists,” said Gina Harris, Director of Audience Engagement. “They donate original pieces not for recognition, but to uplift the Garden and the spirit of art itself. It’s a powerful, collective act of giving.”

Whether you’re coming to bid, browse, or bask in the energy of one of Memphis’s most unique creative events, Incognito is not to be missed.

For more details and to register to bid, visit [membg.org/events/incognito-2025](http://membg.org/events/incognito-2025)

#### Participating artists:

Agnes Gordon Stark, Alisa Free, Amy Hutcheson, Angie Wynn, Ann Brown Thomason, Ann Dwyer, Ann H. Aldinger, Anna K. Parker, Annabelle Meacham, Anwesha Biswas, Ardys Richards, Art Hullender, Barrie Foster, Becky Ross McRae, Beth Okeon, Bob McCabe, Brandy Boyd, Carol Caughey, Carol H Perel, Carol Hamm, Carol L. Adamec, Carol S. McGarrity, Carolyn Moss, Casey Smith, Christine Collins, Connie Lampen, Connie Pride, Dana DeLarme, David Rawlinson, Dawn Fetty, Dimitri Stevens, Donna Hopper, E. D. Bynum, Jr., Efren Maldonado, Eugenia Talbott, Felicitas Sloves, Frances Vaughn, Gary Gibson, Gay Johnston, Georgia Smith, Glenn Fuqua, Glenna Ward, Gopal Murti, Heather Jones, Jacques’ Sligh, Jamie Acor, Jana Wilson, Jane Fulmer, Janice Kennedy, Jeannie Stonebrook, Jeannine Paul, Jennifer Williams, Jim Blythe, Jim Henderson, Joe Umphress, Joy Phillips Routt, Judy Nocifora, Judy Vandergrift, Julie Lakebrink, Julie Nouwen, Karen Perrin, Katie Jones, Kelly Blumenthal, Ken Hall, Lance David White, Leigh Sandlin, Leigh Tanner, Libby Anderson, Linda Lucchesi, Linda Umphress, Lisa Balton, Lynn Reed, Lynn Weinberg, Mandy Talley, Margaret Smith, Martha Cook, Mary Baddour, Mary Pera, Melody Weintraub, Meryl P. Rose, Michael Allen, Michele G Allen, Nancy Hunter, Nancy Kurtz, Nancy Woods, Pam Santi, Pat Chaffee, Patricia Bundy, Patrick McGee, Phyllis Boger, Poonam Kumar, Quinlan Rhodes, Rebecca Chappell, Rena Chiozza, Rick Bailey, Ritea Edmonson, Ron Olson, Rose Marr-Scott, Saj Crone, Sandra Hill, Sandra Horton, Shameka Carter, Sharron Barrett, Shawn Howe, Sheila Martin, Shirlee Clark, Susan Ferkin, Suzanne Evans, Teresa Chumney, Vicki Less, Wanda Winsett

#### About Memphis Botanic Garden

*The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 260,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.*

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