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Incognito Art Auction Returns to Memphis Botanic Garden with More than 100 Mystery Works by Mid-South Artists

Memphis, TN – The Memphis Botanic Garden invites art lovers, collectors, and curious creatives to embrace the unknown as the **Incognito Art Auction & Party** returns July 6 through July 31, 2026.

Now in its 16th year, Incognito challenges guests to bid on what they love, not who they know. The exhibition features more than 100 original works donated by Mid-South artists, each displayed anonymously with signatures concealed until bidding closes. The result is a one-of-a-kind art experience where reputation takes a back seat to personal connection and artistic discovery.

The exhibition will be on display free of charge in the Garden's Visitors Center and Grand Hallway from July 6 through July 31. Online bidding opens Tuesday, July 21 at 10 am and continues through the Incognito Auction Party on Friday, July 31, where final bids will determine this year's winning collectors.

"Incognito removes the labels and invites people to experience art differently," said **Carlee Zamora, Adult Education Coordinator at Memphis Botanic Garden**. "Whether you're a seasoned collector or purchasing your first piece, it's exciting to choose artwork based purely on what speaks to you."

The grand finale takes place Friday, July 31, from 6 to 8 pm. Guests will have the opportunity to meet participating artists, enjoy live music by Kenneth Jackson, sip cocktails from a full bar, and place last-minute bids before the identities behind the artwork are finally revealed.

Attendees are encouraged to embrace the spirit of mystery with creative attire ranging from elegant masks and vintage glamour to whimsical hats and theatrical costumes.

"Incognito has become one of Memphis Botanic Garden's most beloved arts traditions," said **Gina Harris, Director of Audience Engagement**. "It celebrates the incredible talent of our regional artist community while supporting the Garden's mission. Every piece donated represents a generous act of creativity and philanthropy."

All proceeds benefit Memphis Botanic Garden and its mission of enhancing lives by connecting people with plants to increase awareness and appreciation of our environment.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. No tickets are required to visit the gallery or attend the auction party.

Incognito is sponsored in memory of Vance Boyd, with special thanks to Artists' Link for their longstanding support of this unique fundraiser.

For more information visit membg.org.

Participating artists include:
Agnes Gordon Stark, Alisa Free, Allison Brick, Angie Wynn, Ann Brown Thomason, Ann H. Aldinger, Anna K. Parker, Annabelle Meacham, Ardys Richards, Art Hullender, Barara Lemaire, Barrie Foster, Becky Ross McRae, Beth Okeon, Bob McCabe, Bobby Anderson, Boo Mason, Brandy Boyd, Carol H. Perel, Carol Hamm, Carol L. Adamec, Carolyn Moss, Christine Collins, Connie Lampen, Dana DeLarme, Dani Harris, David Rawlinson, Dawn Fetty, Dimitri Stevens, Donna Hopper, E. D. Bynum, Jr., Efren Maldonado, Elizabeth Vasquez, Eugenia Talbott, Felicitas Sloves, Gabriella Lindsay, Gay Johnston, Georgia Smith, Glenn Fuqua, Glenna Ward, Gopal Murti, Heather Jones, Hollie Bostick, Jacque' Sligh, Jana Wilson, Jane Fulmer, Janice Kennedy, Jeannie Stonebrook, Jeannine Paul, Jennifer Williams, Jim Blythe, Jim Henderson, Jill Montanez, Joe Umphress, Joy Phillips Routt, Judy Nocifora, Judy Vandergrift, Julie Lakebrink, Julie Nouwen, Kaelin Mitchell, Karen Perrin, Katelyn Stone, Katie Jones, Kelly Blumenthal, Lance David White, Leigh Sandlin, Libby Anderson, Linda Lucchesi, Linda Umphress, Lisa Balton, Lynn Marie Sutch, Mandy Talley, Margaret Smith, Martha Cook, Mary Pera, Matthew Bostick, Melanie Anderson, Melody Weintraub, Meryl P. Rose, Michele G. Allen, Mike Halliburton, Nancy Kurtz, Nancy Hunter, Nizar Jibrin, NJ Woods, Pam Santi, Pat Chaffee, Pat Patterson, Patricia Bundy, Patrick McGee, Patsy Wadlington, Phyllis Boger, Poonam Kumar, Randy Parker, Rena Chiozza, Rick Bailey, Ritea Edmonson, Ron Olson, Sandra Hill, Sandra Horton, Shameka Carter, Shawn Howe, Sharron Barrett, Sheila Martin, Shirlee Clark, Sophie Samuels, Susan Ferkins, Susan Ross, Suzanne Evans, Tatum Bowers, Teresa Chumney, and 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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