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**Dubuque Museum of Art Presents “Night Out in NYC”
Gala on November 10**

***43rd Annual Event Includes Raffle Drawing and Silent and Live Auction
Featuring More Than 30 Local and Regional Artists***

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October 6, 2017 (DUBUQUE, IA) – The Dubuque Museum of Art today announced plans for its 43rd Annual Gala, Art Auction and Raffle, to be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Hotel Julien Dubuque from 6-9 p.m.

This year's event is based on the theme "Night out in New York", a nod to a major exhibit of art by Iowan Grant Wood that will open at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City in February 2018.

Doors to the Gala and Auction open at 6 pm, with a cocktail hour from 6-7:30 pm. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on original works of art by more than 25 local and regional artists in a silent auction from 6-7:45 pm. The silent auction will feature gift packages from local retailers in addition to works of art.

A raffle drawing will be held at 8 pm. Raffle entrants will have the opportunity to take part in \$15,000 in cash prizes, including a \$10,000 grand prize and five \$1,000 prizes. A limited number of raffle tickets remain available and may be purchased by phone (debit card purchases only) at 563-557-1851, by mail with cash or check, or at the Museum during regular hours. Raffle ticket purchasers need not be present at the event to win.

The live auction, which will include a number of works of art, dining experiences, and artful travel opportunities, will begin around 8 pm. Musician Casey Klein from Cedar Rapids, Iowa will perform live throughout the evening.

This year's emcee is Bobbi Earles, who is currently Executive Director of Alumni & Communications at Loras College in Dubuque. Earles was a news anchor and reporter for KWWL-TV from 1988 to 2002. The live auctioneer will be Mark Schenfeld, President of the Washington State-based Stokes Auction Group. All proceeds from the event support the Dubuque Museum of Art and its education and community outreach programs.

Advance registration for the event is strongly encouraged and may be completed online at dbqart.ejoinme.org/gala, by phone at 563-557-1851, or at the Museum during regular hours. Advance tickets are \$60 per person and include admission, a hors d'oeuvres buffet, and a hosted bar during the cocktail hour from 6-7:30 pm. Night of event tickets are \$75.

This year's auction is generously sponsored by American Realty, American Trust, A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co., Conlon Construction, Dubuque Bank & Trust, Dupaco, Honkamp Kreuger, Hotel Julien Dubuque, and U.S. Bank. Raffle sponsors include: Anonymous, Crescent Electric Supply, Dr. Paul Ellerbeck, Farber Bag, Nick Yiannias, Coldwell Banker / Dominic Goodmann, Meghan Hackett Memorium, and Tony Pfohl.

About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa's oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA's mission is to excite, engage and serve diverse communities within the Tri-State area through our collections, exhibitions and educational programs. We connect generations of people to their cultural heritage and exceptional art.

DuMA is located across from Washington Park in historic downtown Dubuque at 7th and Locust Streets. Museum hours are Tuesday–Friday 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. The museum is closed on Mondays. Daily admission rates are: \$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors, and \$3 College/University Students. The museum is free on Thursdays, and those 18 and younger receive free admission every day, thanks to Prudential Financial. Website: www.dbqart.com