



# WE ARE ALL *works in progress*

**ACT** 2020 AUCTION  
Artists Creating Together



## Dear Friends,

It would have been easiest to say “we can’t pull it off” this year, but we’re so thankful for the community of ACT supporters who inspired us to make this virtual version of the 31st annual WE ARE ALL Auction, happen. This support from dozens of local artists, businesses, and volunteers is what makes ACT’s programs possible.

**Through this event, we celebrate the work which goes into creating** — whether it be painting, sculpting, making music — or in forming communities, building understanding between each other, and in personal growth. **We are all works in progress.**

Last February, students from a local special education classroom began a residency with one of our teaching artists centered around identity and expression through portraits, color, and shapes, inspired by an exhibition at the UICA. While the residency was cut short due to COVID, the unfinished pieces were already unique and beautiful — which is why we chose to highlight them for this event.

**Thank you for being part of the 2020 Artists Creating Together Auction.** Wherever and however you’ve decided to participate and donate, we hope to inspire you from afar to support our work in the local community.

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Emily Shatto-Evans — *Chair, Board of Directors*



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Every bid and donation inspired from the WE ARE ALL Auction enables us to reach thousands of people in our community. Your support is what makes our mission — empowering people with disabilities to learn, grow, and celebrate through the arts — possible. **Thank you.**

## The Basics

### PARTICIPATE

If you haven't already, register now so you are ready to watch, bid, and participate! The Handbid website will prompt you to download the mobile app (which we recommend), but you can use the mobile website or desktop website.

To register visit:

<https://handbid.app.link/actwm2020>

### TUNE IN

On 10/22, you can start the live stream at 6:30pm via the Handbid mobile app or the Handbid event site.

### PAYMENTS

When you register, you'll be asked to enter your credit card info. **You will not be charged unless you win an item & your card will be processed on 10/23 at 5pm, unless you choose to run your card before this time via your Handbid account.** This also gives you the option to change your card or request another payment method, such as a check.

**If you prefer to send a check,** (written to ACT and mailed to 1140 Monroe Ave NW Ste 4101 Grand Rapids, MI 49503), let us know by 10/23 at 3pm so your card isn't charged while your check is en route.

**Handbid is a secure platform;** you can find info on their privacy policies and credit card/information security measures on their main website.

### GATHERING WITH A GROUP?

On 10/22, play the live stream on your TV by hooking up an HDMI cord to your laptop or just leave a computer in a central location with the volume high. Since our auction platform also has an app (search @Handbid), you & your guests can bid from your personal devices.

## time line + highlights

**SILENT AUCTION** — 10/15 at 5pm until 10/22 at 8:30pm

The silent auction is open! See the **PARTICIPATE** area on the left for how to register so you can bid on items.

**PREMIERE / MAIN EVENT** — 10/22; live stream begins at 6:30pm for art demonstrations & program runs from 7pm-8pm

**ART DEMONSTRATIONS** Tune into the live event starting at 6:30pm! The official program kicks off at 7pm, but we are launching the stream a bit earlier so you have time to get connected and see two artists in action, featuring ACT Student Maurice Beckford and Teaching Artist Becky Baker. We'll also be offering some tips on using Handbid during the time in case you are still getting connected to the platform.

**LIVE AUCTION** Led by professional auctioneer Greg Bator, the live auction will be immersed within the live stream event! The live auction will feature five items (see the card insert or event site for details) and bidding will begin for these items at the start of the live stream at 7pm on 10/22, and close for the live auction items during the program; be sure to follow along so you don't miss out on live auction items and packages!

### LOCAL FAVORITES DRAWING

We purchased \$50 gift cards from some of our favorite local businesses to give away in six drawings, including:

**Art of the Table**  
**Cakabakery**  
**Mokaya**

**Mosby's Popcorn**  
**Pink Lemonade**  
**Rebel**

Registration with a ticket purchase, as part of a group, or on a sponsors guest list automatically enters you into the drawing! Be sure to watch our pre-event kickoff video on 10/20 & the live event on 10/22 to see if you've won!

**FUND-A-NEED CAMPAIGN** — 10/15 at 5pm until 10/25 at 5pm

EVERY donation of any amount makes a difference! You'll find a custom amount option on the auction website in addition to the levels below.

- ▶ **\$1,000** is the cost of an artist residency for a local special education classroom, which can take place virtually if needed
- ▶ **\$500** supports supplies, framing, and sales for ACT apprentices, who are young adults training as professional artists
- ▶ **\$250** supports the cost of ACT's monthly Open Studio series, which is currently being offered virtually and for small in-person groups
- ▶ **\$100** supports the cost of art supplies for a group participating in a multi-week classes at the ACT Studio
- ▶ **\$50** supports the costs of scholarships for studio & virtual classes

## Thank you

Thank you for ensuring our programs continue to be accessible to people of all abilities. Warmest wishes for you in the rest of 2020 and beyond!

### Artists Creating Together

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### live auction

Live auction items can be previewed, but won't open for bidding until the event at 7pm on 10/22. Live auction item bidding will close at during the streamed event.

- ▶ **"WOVEN" BY ACT STUDENTS**  
FRAMING BY LAFONTSEE GALLERIES
- ▶ **PRIVATE, IN-HOME DINNER**  
BY YOCHIEF CATERING
- ▶ **LAKE MICHIGAN COTTAGE**  
DONATED BY SHANNON & MOLLY GARY
- ▶ **THE BEST OF A NEW ENGLAND VACATION TO YOUR HOME**
- ▶ **5x8' SCOTT GROUP STUDIO RUG**  
DONATED BY SCOTT GROUP STUDIO

### Silent Auction Highlights

We're honored to have over 100 items, artwork, and baskets this year. We've highlighted a few below: bidding closes on 10/22 at 8:30pm!

- ▶ **JACKSON, WY: SPRING CREEK RANCH - 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS**  
DONATED BY JEFF & MARY DIXON
- ▶ **STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO: THE LODGE - 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS**  
DONATED BY NAT & MARCIA LOVE
- ▶ **SOUTH HAVEN, MI: SPRING GETAWAY - 2 NIGHTS SPRING 2021**  
DONATED BY GREG & KIM EVERS
- ▶ **VIRTUAL WINE TASTING FOR 3 HOUSEHOLDS**
- ▶ **20+ STUDENT ART PIECES, FRAMED BY LAFONTSEE GALLERIES**
- ▶ **BASKETS FEAT. ITEMS FROM**  
CORRIDOR COFFEE, WICKED SOAPS, SCHULER BOOKS, PINK LEMONADE, JEFFREY RICHARDS SALON, REBEL, MEIJER, SHIPT, E + L SALON — HOME DECOR, FAMILY FUN & EXPERIENCE BASKETS
- ▶ **ARTWORK & HOMEMADE GOODS FROM:**  
PIPER ADONYA, DENNIS GRANTZ, CAROL JOHNSON, REB ROBERTS, CYNTHIA HAGEDORN, KP STUDIO, SNAPDRAGON BOUTIQUE, JARROD MURPHREE, SHLAGS & MORE



### next Steps

Gift cards & certificates will be mailed; no pick up needed. If you win a basket, item, or piece of art, we scheduled pick-up times from the ACT Studio, located at 1140 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, 49503:.

- ▶ **Tuesday, 10/27 from 10am - 2pm**
- ▶ **Wednesday, 10/28 from 8 - 10am**
- ▶ **Wednesday, 10/28 from 4 - 6pm**

For pick up, you'll give our office line a call at 616.885.5866 and someone will come out to you curbside.

If the times above don't fit your schedule, email [info@artistscreatingtogether.org](mailto:info@artistscreatingtogether.org) for an alternate time. You can request drop off or shipping; we ask donors cover shipping/delivery costs for any physical items and art if required. For redemption details on each package, see your receipt or log into your account on <https://handbid.app.link/actwm2020>.