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## **Fabulous Buys Are Now Up For Bid in LASM's 34th Annual Gala Silent Auction**

**BATON ROUGE** - The exclusive silent auction for the Louisiana Art & Science Museum's 34th Annual Gala, **CHROMA: Color Your Senses**, is now LIVE! Bidding is open from now until the close of the Gala at 10 PM on Friday, **September 20**. For a complete listing of all auction items and to place your bids, visit [lasm2019.ggo.bid](http://lasm2019.ggo.bid).

Silent auction items were generously donated by local businesses and individuals who support the Museum's mission. The auction falls into six categories: Art, Fashion, Food & Wine, Health & Beauty, Home & Life, and Travel & Recreation.

"This auction has something for everyone," said Jenny Stewart, LASM's Auction Co-Chair. "We have an extensive variety of items in the silent auction this year, which is all about having a great time, bidding on fabulous items – all for a great cause!"

This year's **Art** offerings include works made by nationally recognized artists, such as James Michalopoulos, as well as highly sought-after local art by Rosemary Goodell, Randell Henry, Kelli Scott Kelly, A.J. Meek, Robert Rector, and more. The mediums span from drawings, paintings, and woodblock prints to textiles, digital prints, and even wood carvings.

"The Gala auction offers an exceptional opportunity for both seasoned collectors and those new to the hobby to acquire fine art that enhances their home or office while being a good investment in their future - and that of the Museum," said Elizabeth Weinstein, LASM's Director of Interpretation & Chief Curator.

One of the most popular categories, this year's **Fashion** lineup features an assortment of designer clothing and accessories. Notable pieces include a Marc Jacobs "Mini Deja vu Bag" in surf blue donated by Kiki, an 18-inch matte gold signature chain with a moonstone vignette by Sennod Jewelry Design, and a silk tie by NOLA Couture, LLC.

**Food & Wine** encompasses a medley of entertaining dining experiences in and around Baton Rouge. Among the unique opportunities presented are a 12-course omakase dinner for two at Umami Japanese Bistro, a tour and tasting at Three Roll Estates Whiskey Distillery, a chef's tasting menu with wine pairings for four at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, and a chef's table experience for four at Soji: Modern Asian. Wine connoisseurs will enjoy exploring the wine packages, featuring many varietals to please every palate.

**Health & Beauty** bundles range from braces by Dr. Aimee Russo-Mounger Family Dentistry, to four air styles by Air Salon & Blow Dry Bar, to a 3-month membership to UFC Acadiana complete with 30 minutes of personal training, a pair of boxing gloves, and hand wraps.

Not to be outdone, **Home & Life** offers a variety of options from decor and tech to children's toys, including a set of fine lamps hand-picked by the designers at McMillin Interiors, a pair of Amazon Echo Dots, and even a duck decoy hand-carved from balsa wood.

This year's **Travel & Recreation** is getting wild! For the first time in LASM's Gala history, up for bid is an alligator hunt for two, donated by NOLA Hunt & Fish paired with a custom printing by artist Leslie Charleville. Other packages up for bid include volleyball and dining at The Oasis, Stadium Club Tickets to the LSU v. Auburn game, and two tickets to Cher's December 13th concert at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans.

For more information, to purchase Gala tickets, or enter LASM's annual Grand Raffle, visit [lasm.org/gala](http://lasm.org/gala).

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**Images:** Several unique items are now up for bid online from now until 10 PM on Friday, September 20, as part of LASM's 2019 Silent Auction! Winning bids help support the Museum's School programs, which served 98,000 participants from across 41 parishes and beyond in 2018. For a complete list of items, visit [lasm2019.ggo.bid](http://lasm2019.ggo.bid).

#### **Credits for Images**

Robert Rector. *Untitled*. 30" x 30" x 3", Acrylic on canvas. Valued at \$3,000

Marc Jacobs *Mini Deja Vu Bag* valued at \$1,650

*Chef's Table with Wine Pairings at Soji: Modern Asian* valued at \$500

#### **About the Louisiana Art & Science Museum**

A nonprofit organization housed on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum enhances the understanding and appreciation of art and science for general audiences and students by presenting unique, educational and entertaining experiences that encourage discovery, inspire creativity, and foster the pursuit of knowledge. More information about the Art & Science Museum is available at [lasm.org](http://lasm.org).

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