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Asheville Art Museum Invites Guests to Toast Asheville: Wine & Beer Tasting, and Silent Auction to Support Museum Exhibitions and Education Programs

Thursday, February 7 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Asheville Art Museum | \$30 members, \$35 non-members, \$40 at door

ASHEVILLE, NC—Joining in the community’s celebration of the phenomenal restaurants and breweries that call Asheville home during **Asheville Restaurant Week**, the Asheville Art Museum is delighted to host [*Toast Asheville*](#), a top flight evening of fine wines and craft brews—many from local and regional breweries and distributors—paired with delectable hors d’ oeuvres from local restaurants. The evening’s festivities also include live music with [classical guitarist Kevin Lorenz](#) and a silent auction with fabulous lots benefiting the Museum’s [educational programs](#) and [exhibitions](#).

Toast Asheville takes place at the Museum on **Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Advance tickets are **\$30 for members and \$35 for non-members, or \$40 at the door**. Tickets are available for purchase at the Museum’s front desk, 2 S. Pack Square, or by calling (828) 253-3227. Recommended attire for *Toast Asheville* is business-casual. Guests must be 21 years of age or older.

Toast Asheville’s quality selection of fine wine and craft brews are generously provided by: Asheville Brewing Company, Bodega Gratia, Empire Distributors of NC, Inc., Highland Brewing, Lexington Avenue Brewery, Natty Greene’s Brewing Co., New Belgium, Oskar Blues, Pisgah Brewing, Robert Walter Selections, Sierra Nevada, Southern Wine & Spirits, Skyland Distributing Co., Troy & Sons Distillers, Tryon Distributing Co., and Wicked Weed Brewing.

Many participating vendors have also generously donated lot items as part of the Museum’s Silent Auction, including: Asheville Brewing Co., Bodega Gratia, Empire Distributors of NC, Inc., Lexington Avenue Brewery, Natty Greene’s Brewing, Oskar Blues, Pisgah Brewing, Southern Wine & Spirits, Skyland Distributing, Tryon Distributing Co., and Wicked Weed Brewing.

Sponsors of Toast Asheville include: [Bomba](#), [Arlene Cotler Catering](#), [Earth Fare](#), [Everyday Gourmet](#), [Modesto Asheville](#), [Salsa Asheville](#), and [Valet Gourmet](#).

About the Asheville Art Museum

Founded by artists in 1948 in Asheville, NC, the Asheville Art Museum annually presents an exciting, inviting and active schedule of exhibitions and public programs based on its permanent collection of 20th and 21st century American art. Any visit will also include experiences with works of significance to Western North Carolina's cultural heritage including Studio Craft, Black Mountain College and Cherokee artists. Special exhibitions feature renowned regional and national artists and explore issues of enduring interest. The Museum also offers a wide array of innovative, inspiring and entertaining educational programs for people of all ages.

Additional information for upcoming exhibitions and public programs at the Museum can be found online at www.ashevilleart.org.

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The Asheville Art Museum is the only nonprofit visual arts museum serving the 24 counties of Western North Carolina. Incorporated by artists in 1948, the Museum collects, preserves and interprets American art of the 20th and 21st centuries with a focus on work of significance to the Southeast.

Centrally located in downtown Asheville on Pack Square, the Museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Special docent-guided tour packages are available for groups and students.

Admission to the Museum is \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and students (K-12 and college students with college ID). Children age five and younger are admitted free of charge. Members are admitted free of charge. The Holden Community Gallery, Museum Shop and Biltmore Gallery (all located on the first floor/street level of the Museum, are open at all times to the general public free of charge).

The Asheville Art Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and receives general operating support from businesses, foundations and individuals, as well as from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of North Carolina, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Additional support is provided by the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

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