## Gateway Academy Presents Art for Autism Charity Auction at Larsen Gallery

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Larsen Gallery will donate 25 pieces of artwork for the auction with 100% of the proceeds going to gateway academy. Artlink is also putting out a call to artists to participate.



Join Gateway Academy and Artlink for Art for Autism Charity Auction at Larsen Gallery on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The event begins with an an exhibition at 10 a.m. and then the auction starting at 12 p.m. Bids will begin at \$100. All guests are welcome, and consigners and bidders are especially encouraged to participate in this charity auction.

At the auction, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy music, local and emerging artists, nibbles, and drinks while making a positive impact as proceeds from this charity auction will be split 50/50 between the local artists and Gateway Academy, a non-profit school serving students with high-functioning autism.

CEO and Executive Director at Gateway Academy O. Robin Sweet says, "With the support of Artlink and Larsen Gallery, The Art for Autism Charity Auction is going to be a fantastic event filled with art, music, food, and more. All while increasing exposure for local Arizona artists and providing much needed support to our incredible students here at Gateway Academy."

The host of the event, Larsen Gallery, has been a leader in the secondary art market for 30 years. For this special auction Larsen Gallery will also donate 25 works of art for the auction and will give 100% of the proceeds to Gateway Academy.

"Gateway Academy is serving an incredible purpose here in the community by giving students with high functioning autism a place to belong and a safe place to go to school," says Scott Larsen, owner of Larsen Gallery. "We are absolutely honored to help them raise some valuable funds for their school and we hope everyone will join us at the gallery on May 20th for a very special auction."

A call to artists is also being facilitated by Artlink, which is also inviting artists from throughout Arizona to participate. Artists interested in participating should visit artlinkphx.org for details.

Larsen Gallery is located at 3705 N. Bishop Lane in Scottsdale, AZ, 85251. To view additional event details and preview all the lots as they become available, please visit <a href="https://www.gatewayacademy.us/art-for-autism">www.gatewayacademy.us/art-for-autism</a>.

## **About Gateway Academy**

Gateway Academy was established in 2005, and offers private education for students, in 6th through 12th grade, with a diagnosis of a Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorder, and students who are Twice-Exceptional. The school operates a year-round program from July – May of each year, and enrollments are accepted throughout the year.

## **About Artlink**

Artlink keeps the arts integral to our development by connecting artists, businesses, and the community. Founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by artists in 1989, the Artlink name is a guiding principle for the organization, as it supports stakeholders of the arts and culture community, amplifying its collective strength. For more information about Artlink, please visit <a href="www.artlinkphx.org">www.artlinkphx.org</a>. Connect socially with Artlink on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.