

Phoenix Art Museum

Press Release

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Phoenix Art Museum brings the life, sounds and color of Brazil to Hot Night gala supporting art and arts education

Hot Night gala celebrates contemporary art in Past/Future/Present: Contemporary Brazilian Art from the Museum of Modern Art, São Paulo

PHOENIX (October 17, 2017) – In what is sure to be the celebrated event of this year’s social season, Phoenix Art Museum will host its annual fall gala on Saturday, November 4, featuring an exciting evening of Brazilian-inspired food, cocktails, live music and dancing in support of art and education at the Museum. Hot Night brings the best of Brazilian culture to the heart of downtown Phoenix for an exclusive one-night event, offering a private glimpse of the Museum’s featured exhibition, *Past/Future/Present: Contemporary Brazilian Art from the Museum of Modern Art, São Paulo*. Following a strong tradition, Hot Night plays an essential role of support for Phoenix Art Museum; benefit galas in support of the Museum have raised nearly \$2,000,000 in vital funds supporting exhibitions and arts education programs since 2015.

Festivities of the evening will move throughout the Museum, areas of which will be transformed into elegant, tropical lounges complete with cabanas and vibrant Copacabana-themed décor. The night comes to life with live samba dancing and tropical beats provided by performers in full regalia. A festive dinner will be catered by Fogo de Chão and M Catering, featuring gaucho-style Brazilian cuisine. Following dinner, the Cummings Great Hall will be transformed into the Valley’s hottest dance club with live music and dancing.

Guests will also enjoy the Museum’s featured exhibition, *Past/Future/Present*. This is the first major presentation of artworks from the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, São Paulo (MAM-SP) in the United States, and features 70 artworks created by nearly 60 artists in a rare panorama of the most innovative art produced in Brazil from the 1990s to today.

All proceeds of the event will support Phoenix Art Museum, enabling the Museum to open its door to the community. Cocktail attire is requested. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. Individual tickets begin at \$750, with additional benefactor and underwriter opportunities available from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For more details on purchasing tickets, please visit <http://bit.ly/HotNight2017>.

For more information or to purchase tickets or sponsorships, contact Camellia Rowland, senior development events manager, by Friday, October 27, at 602.307.2012 or specialevents@phxart.org.

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About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years and is the largest art museum in the Southwestern United States. In addition to an annual calendar of special exhibitions, Phoenix Art Museum's permanent collection galleries are drawn from more than 18,000 objects of modern and contemporary art, fashion design, and photography, as well as American, Asian, Latin American, and European art. Each month, the Museum hosts a wide variety of public programs, including lectures, performances, tours, workshops, and film screenings designed for audiences of all ages to enjoy.

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