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## VIRGINIA MOCA TO HOST COLLECTOR'S BAZAAR: A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM ON DECEMBER 7

*FREE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS COLLECTIBLE TO FEATURE A DYNAMIC LINEUP OF MARKET VENDORS, FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS, AND COLLECTOR DISPLAYS*

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (November 29, 2023)** – The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (Virginia MOCA) is delighted to host Collector's Bazaar: A Night at the Museum on Thursday, December 7, from 6:00–10:00 PM. This special celebration highlights the joys of collecting and serves as a culmination of our current exhibitions, *Collector's Edition* and *Open (C)all 2023: Curious Collections*. Shop for unique collectibles at the night market, marvel at rare local collector displays, enjoy live music, and tune in to a gallery talk on collecting contemporary art in Hampton Roads. Specialty foods and drinks, including locally sourced delectables from Oceanfront favorite Love Song, custom tiki cocktails by Black Sands, and craft beer from the Veil Brewing Co., will be available for sale. Join us at the Museum for what's sure to be an unforgettable night, complete with art, shopping, and, of course, collectibles galore.

Guests will enjoy custom displays and pop-up shops by event partners and vendors, each presenting their own distinctive display of collector's items and specialty goods. The Thanks for Listening crew will be playing a live, all vinyl DJ set of disco and funk from their personal record collections, alongside a record store pop-up with hundreds of vintage albums available for sale. Work Sucks Print Co. will offer on-the-spot, hand-pulled garment printing, with limited-edition Collector's Bazaar T-Shirts and prints designed by local artists. A video mixtape produced by Naro Minded will be on view in the Virginia MOCA Auditorium, containing film and video works on collections, collectors, and collecting, all sourced from the world-class, Norfolk-based video archive known as the Naro Video Collection.

Activating the Virginia MOCA Atrium and Rodriguez Pavilion will be market vendors from across the region, all of whom were selected to exhibit and sell their one-of-a-kind wares. Selections include handmade clothing, wearable art jewelry, and other accessories; sculptural beeswax candles; mid-century furniture and lighting; vintage home goods, toys, T-shirts, and memorabilia; rare artist pins and buttons; zines; and more! Visit [the event website](#) for a complete list of participating market vendors.

Also on view throughout the Museum will be rare collector's item displays, including Cardinal Skate Shop's artistic collection of skateboard decks from the last 20 years; collector Alex Scruggs's complete GI Joe Marvel Comics collection; antique radios and taxidermy from Igor's Custom; rare automobiles by Lawyer Garage; a sneaker collection from BULL1TRC; collector John Upton's metal lunch box collection; and collector Andrew Cronin's seven-foot wall of VHS.

Another highlight of the evening will be a gallery talk titled "Collecting Contemporary Art in Hampton Roads," impaneled by Sam Clayman, artist and founder of ZOO Virginia Beach; Thank You Gallery co-founder Eric Wiggins; and artist and educator Andy Harris. Join us in the galleries at 7:30 PM for an engaging conversation on the art of collecting.

Collector's Bazaar: A Night at the Museum on December 7 at Virginia MOCA is a free event and open to the public. Registration is suggested. [Click here to register today.](#)

On view now through December 31, *Collector's Edition* brings together over 70 works of art borrowed from some of the area's most passionate art collectors. The exhibition honors these dedicated art patrons while showcasing artworks, artists, and creative voices from across the country and world. *Collector's Edition* is presented in conjunction with *Open (C)all 2023: Curious Collections*, which encouraged Hampton Roads artists of all ages to create artwork inspired by their own collections. Together, the exhibitions explore the interwoven practices of collecting, curating, and creating art, encouraging viewers to reflect on their own collections and collecting habits.

Featuring paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, video, and mixed media artworks, *Collector's Edition* engages over 20 art enthusiasts from across Hampton Roads—collectors in various stages of building their collections and guided by many different collecting philosophies. Selecting a handful of artworks from each collector's holdings and placing them in separate groupings, the exhibition draws out connections across familial, thematic, and aesthetic lines, offering intimate glimpses into the collectors' homes and lives.

Support for *Collector's Edition* is generously provided by presenting sponsor TowneBank, with additional support provided by the City of Virginia Beach, Arts Alliance, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

For additional information on Collector's Bazaar, please visit [virginiamoca.org/events](http://virginiamoca.org/events). For more information on Virginia MOCA exhibitions and accompanying programs, please visit [virginiamoca.org](http://virginiamoca.org). Follow Virginia MOCA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates.

#### **ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART**

An AAM accredited non-collecting museum, Virginia MOCA presents exceptional, locally relevant, and nationally resonant exhibitions that invite neighbors, strangers, students, families, communities, and cultures to explore our shared humanity through contemporary art, in all of its timeliness, restlessness, and beauty. More information about Virginia MOCA can be found at [virginiamoca.org](http://virginiamoca.org).

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