



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### **ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART HAS UNIQUE GIFTS AVAILABLE**

#### Area Artists and Artisans Have Unique Gifts for Sale in Hodges Sales Gallery

**[For Release Dec 17, 2018 – Albany, GA]** — Christmas is only days away and if panic is setting in when it comes to that hard-to-buy-for person you can't seem to check off your shopping list, the Albany Museum of Art has the answer.

The AMA's Hodges Sales Gallery has art, jewelry and other items created by Southwest Georgia artists and artisans.

"We are fortunate that we have so much creativity in Albany," said Chloe Hinton, education and public program director for the museum. "People are always looking for handmade, high-quality gifts that are unique and have special meaning. We have a treasure trove of them."

The gallery has items ranging from large wall paintings to handmade bowls to necklaces and earrings. There are honey dippers, hand-painted coasters, blown-glass Christmas tree ornaments, and plenty more to choose from.

"The quality of the work is amazing," Hinton said. "We're happy to be able to provide these artists a venue to showcase their work and introduce many of them to the public."

A strong local arts component is important to the economic vitality of a community, she said.

"Artists do a lot to enhance the quality of life in the community," Hinton said. "Like so many other small businesses, they're always willing to help out a good cause."

"When you make a purchase from a local artist, you're not only getting a unique item that has the potential to appreciate in value, you're supporting a small business by buying local."

Artists whose works are in the holiday gallery are Devan Cole, Nate Dallas, Hannah Ezzo, Brandi Fickel, Camille Fox, Danny Godoy, Kirby Gregory, Jennifer Hanson, Katie Lou Jewelry, Suzy Klein, Cameron Malphrus, Jodi Mann, Emily Montgomery, Linda Powell, Sadie Schaub, Lori Tatum and Lindsay Toole.

There is a wide range of prices on the merchandise, so shoppers will be able find something special at their preferred price point. Albany Museum of Art members also get a discount on purchases.

“Shoppers might have the misconception that gifts purchased at a museum would be too expensive,” Hinton noted. “You can find that unique gift at an affordable price, and support the local art community at the same time. Everyone wins when you shop locally!”

The Sales Gallery is open during normal museum hours—10 am-5 pm Tuesday-Friday and noon-5 pm on Saturday. The Albany Museum of Art will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

## **CURRENT EXHIBITS**

*Home Tour: Artists Investigating Interiors, Domesticity and Identity*, Haley Gallery, through Feb 2, 2019;

*Brian Dettmer: Selective Collective Memories*, East Galley, through Jan 5, 2019;

*Benjamin Britton: This Unfolding Idyll*, West Gallery, through Feb 23, 2019.

## **ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART**

The Albany Museum of Art, located in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open 10 am through 5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and noon until 5 pm on Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, [www.albanymuseum.com](http://www.albanymuseum.com) or call 229.439.8400.

## **CAPTION INFORMATION:**

### **Ornament:**

**A handpainted, blown-glass Christmas ornament is a one-of-a-kind gift found at the Hodges Sales Gallery at the Albany Museum of Art. (Photo: Chloe Hinton/Albany Museum of Art)**

### **Coasters:**

**Abstract art coasters and handmade honey dippers are some of the items that can be found at the Hodges Sales Gallery at the Albany Museum of Art. (Photo: Chloe Hinton/Albany Museum of Art)**

### **Pottery:**

**Handmade pottery is a popular gift that can be purchased at the Hodges Sales Gallery at the Albany Museum of Art. (Photo: Chloe Hinton/Albany Museum of Art)**

### **Jewelry:**

**Paintings and handcrafted jewelry created by area artists are available for purchase at the the Hodges Sales Gallery at the Albany Museum of Art. (Photo: Chloe Hinton/Albany Museum of Art)**

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