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Gage Academy of Art presents the 17th Annual Drawing Jam *The Annual Family-Friendly Event Includes Live Music, Models & Free Art Supplies*

SEATTLE, WA – November 23, 2016 – Gage Academy of Art is excited to announce the 17th annual **Drawing Jam**, on **Saturday, December 3, from 9am-6pm** at the Gage campus on Capitol Hill. Draw your dreams at this community celebration of art and music featuring demonstrations from Gage teaching artists, **FREE** art supplies for all, live models in studios throughout the building, eclectic live music, an art café and dedicated spaces for families and young artists. The event will also have an assortment of local food truck cuisine! Tickets to Drawing Jam are available at the door for \$12 – kids and teens 15 and under get in **FREE**.

Now in its 17th year, Drawing Jam is a unique mash-up of music and art for the whole family. Named a "Must-Do Event" by Seattle Magazine, Drawing Jam annually attracts more than 1,000 visitors of all ages and artistic abilities for a chance to draw, sketch or paint from live clothed and nude models and still-life setups arranged throughout the building. Dancers, musicians and costumed performers serving as gesture models and nude figure models are available for traditional sessions, and Gage instructors demonstrate drawing, painting and sculpting techniques throughout the day.

This year, the 2016 Drawing Jam will feature two art cafes with delicious treats and awesome activities. Take a seat in our analog photo booth where guests can pose for their very own sketched portrait. Enjoy a delicious cup of coffee from **Cafe Umbria** in one-of-a-kind ceramic mug made by celebrated artists **Nicholas Bivins, Eric Newman, George Rodriguez, Stephen Robinson, Carolina Silva** and **Sam Scott**.

In addition, Drawing Jam 2016 includes a small-works exhibition and sale of student, instructor and graduate artwork. These ready-to-hang studio pieces are all priced at less than \$200, and feature a wealth of styles and mediums and make great additions to your Christmas shopping list.

Local Seattle food truck **Off the Rez** will be serving up gourmet mobile cuisine throughout the day, and providing tasty vegetarian and non-vegetarian fare for hungry artists of all ages.

Spend an hour – or the entire day – but don't miss the opportunity to jump into an artistic dream at one of the most eclectic art events in the Northwest!

Drawing Jam is generously **sponsored by 4Culture, the Office of Arts & Culture, Home Street Bank, BLICK Art Materials, Dakota Art Stores, Artist & Craftsman Supply, Capitol Cider and Cafe Umbria. Media sponsors are Classical KING-FM and ParentMap.**

Learn more at GageAcademy.org/drawingjam.

ABOUT GAGE ACADEMY OF ART

Celebrating over 25 years as a national center for classical training in the foundation principles of drawing, painting and sculpture, Gage Academy of Art, a 501-C3 non-profit, features fine-art programs year-round for adults and youth that engage and inspire emerging and established artists of all ages and abilities through rigorous study and practice in the Realist tradition. For more information, connect with Gage on Facebook and Twitter, or visit GageAcademy.org. Gage is located next to St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill, 1501 10th Ave E.

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