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CASCO ANTIGUO'S ANNUAL ART AUCTION TRANSFORMS DOORS INTO WORKS OF ART

Panama City— Starting October 15, AVACA (Asociación de Vecinos y Amigos del Casco Antiguo) invites the public to its Annual Door Auction and art exhibition, titled Color of Hope 2021.

The auction—whose proceeds will benefit the community programs led by AVACA— is based on an original premise: the transformation and reuse of discarded architectural elements from the historic quarters of Panama City. This year, more than 55 national and international artists transformed doors and windows into artworks, all inspired by their personal and artistic connection to this world heritage site.

Just as last year's auction, Color of Hope 2021 will be a virtual auction, where interested buyers can browse a catalog and bid for artworks through an application (app) from October 15 to November 18.

"Casco Antiguo is an inspiring destination whose imagery is well documented in the artworks created by generations of Panamanian and international artists," said Octavio Del Moral, president of AVACA. "The pieces in this auction evoke the essence of Casco Antiguo: a vibrant, welcoming community ... the artists contributing to the Auction have brilliantly captured the barrio's spirit and its impact on the imagination of a Nation. "

Important dates:

Exhibition: October 15 to November 18, 2021 at San Francisco de Asís Church (next to the National Theater and Plaza Bolívar). Open to the public, free. Sunday to Wednesday from 8 am to 5 pm. Thursday to Saturday from 8 am to 9 pm. The use of masks and social distancing within San Francisco de Asís Church is mandatory.

Virtual Auction: October 15 to November 18, 2021. Interested buyers will be able to access the application to bid.

Live Auction: November 18, 2021. From 5 pm to 9 pm, at the San Francisco de Asís Church (next to the National Theater and Plaza Bolívar). 15 artworks from the exhibition will be auctioned at this live event.

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