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TRADITIONS OF JAPAN AND TWINKLING TOKYO NIGHTLIFE
MIX AND MINGLE IN BLACK, WHITE, & DRAGON RED
AT KEMPER MUSEUM'S 'ICHIBAN' GALA

Kansas City's blockbuster fund-raiser set for October 14

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The best of Japan's past and present will come together in a flurry of color 7:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 14, when the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art hosts **Black, White, & Dragon Red: Ichiban Gala**, its annual fund-raiser in support of annual exhibitions and education programs. Tickets are required for attendance and cost \$150 per person. For ticket information, call 816-753-6102 or visit www.kempergala.org.

The word "ichiban" means "the best" in Japanese, and that's just what this year's much-anticipated event will be: bigger and better than ever, with Japanese-inspired sumptuous savories by Café Sebastienne and a large tent expanding the festivities beyond the Museum's interior. Enjoy the party's signature cocktails (Saketinis, honey tangerine martinis, and black and red cosmopolitans), let a DJ lead you on the dance floor, and be on the lookout for black, white, and red cocktail attire.

The gala provides significant support to the Museum's 10–12 annual exhibitions and more than 70 educational programs provided free to everyone in the community. This year's Gala honors Tom and Jean McDonnell and their long-standing, generous commitment to the Kemper Museum.

The Museum's celebrated Café Sebastienne promises a tantalizing array of delectable dishes infused with exotic flavors and fresh ingredients—fragrant ginger, seafood, and colorful fruits. The dinner buffet begins with a make-your-own crostini station, with bowls of white bean purée and other delicious spreads and tapenades. Other appetizers include California rolls, tuna tartare, spring rolls, and hoisin duck



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tartlets. Guests are then enticed with entrées such as shitake-encrusted Kobe beef sirloin and miso-marinated fish. Fanciful desserts, festive drinks, and a variety of delicious side dishes complete the menu, including black, white, and red petit fours.

Susie Corbin and Denise Holcom lead this year's talented and experienced planning committee. The committee is comprised of energetic volunteers, including Jamie Berg, Maureen Berkley, Heather Blackman, Liz Brandt, Kathy Byrnes, Millie Cain, Karen Craft, Theresa Freilich, Michelle Giele, Pam Grasis, Laura Greenbaum, Sharon Greenwood, Adrienne Hamer, Marilyn Hebenstreit, Sally Hilken, Amy Hunkeler, Mary Hunkeler, Kim Huyett, Laurie Ingram, Matthew Knight, Ada Koch, Stacey Koon, Jennifer Krause, Mira Kuehnle, Corinne McCause, Kathryn McDaniel, Jean McDonnell, Lynne Melcher, Jim Mooney, Julie Morris, Matt Nevinger, Cathy Nugent, Lee Page, Michelle Pal, Laura Perin, Gwyn Prentice, Megan Rupp, Cathy Schultz, Stephanie Seigfreid, Laura Shultz, Barbara Spilker, Mary Stringer, Pam Tibbs, Joan Toomey, Cara Townsend, Jackie Warren, Katie Wendel, Mindy Wilson, Tonya Witmer, Toma Wolff, and Wendy Zoog.

About the Kemper Museum

Kansas City's acclaimed, free contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened in 1994 and draws more than 130,000 visitors each year. The Museum boasts a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world. The Museum hosts temporary exhibitions, installations, performance work, film and video series, lectures, concerts, children's workshops, and other creative programs designed to both entertain and challenge. For more information, visit www.kemperart.org.

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art is open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday; and 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday. The galleries at Kemper East (200 E. 44th Street) are open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday. The Museum's popular Café Sebastienne serves lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday; dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday; and brunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Sunday. The Museum and Café are closed on Mondays.

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