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Racine Art Museum's fundraiser, SAVOUR, returns Saturday

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RACINE — The Racine Art Museum's annual fundraiser, SAVOUR, returns Saturday.

This year's fundraiser, SAVOURing RAM @ 20, will be held at RAM's 441 Main St. location for the first time to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the museum opening its downtown site.

Attendees will be able to try dishes from restaurants and bid on art during a silent auction.

Proceeds will go to RAM, as well as the participating restaurants and artists.

"We are really wanting to have those homegrown ties, really leaning into the fact that this is a celebration of both RAM and Racine as well in this downtown home," Rachel Comande, digital marketing and special events coordinator for RAM, said.



The Racine Art Museum is celebrating 20 years of its downtown location, 441 Main St.

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The fundraiser paired eight local artists and eight local restaurants together. Restaurants will prepare two dishes for guests to try, and artists have created a corresponding specialty piece to be auctioned off.

"They'll usually be paired with some sort of reason behind them, like maybe a personal history behind the artist or chef," Tyler Potter, marketing and communications specialist for RAM, said.

"Just something that plays off one another," Comande said.

Lisa Marie Barber, a ceramic artist and art and design professor at University of Wisconsin-Parkside, is participating in the fundraiser for the second time.

Barber is paired with the restaurant TaejaVu's on Main, 240 Main St., and said she is creating a life-size figure.

While Barber has donated a piece of her art to the fundraiser before, she said Saturday will be her first time attending the event.

Barber said she occasionally sends her students to the museum to see and study the exhibits.

"I have students that have grown up in Racine or Kenosha and had no idea that we had such a fabulous museum here ... It really is a gem in our community," Barber said. "They've done so much for the community and for me as an artist. They've been incredibly supportive."

Jarvis Lawson, a photographer from Racine who has shot for brands including Nike and Visit Copenhagen, is one of the fundraiser's featured artists.

Lawson said it was "genius" for RAM to pair artists and chefs together.

"We're all creatives at the end of the day," Lawson said. "So it's cool to see different backgrounds, but yet we're in the same pool of creativity."

Live music by Kase and the After Party will be performed, and guests will be able to watch two artists create pieces live.

Guests will also get a behind-the-scenes look at two new exhibits, and be able to go into public and private areas of the museum.