

IN CONNECTION WITH: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL ["WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY"](#) on October 10th:

TRAGERcontemporary Hosts A.R.T. of Mental Health Gallery Gala for MUSC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Mental Health Outreach

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Charleston, SC (Oct. 8, 2018) – TRAGERcontemporary, the fine art gallery and event space, is again hosting a fundraising gala to benefit the mental health outreach programs of MUSC's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The Second Annual "Academics, Research and Treatment [A.R.T.] of Mental Health Gallery Gala" will take place on **Saturday, October 20th, 2018** at **TRAGERcontemporary, 577 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403**. An **early access hour begins at 6pm** and **general admission begins at 7pm**. Tickets for both early access and general admission are on sale at [2018artofmentalhealth.eventbrite.com](#) for **\$75 and \$40, respectively** for an evening of live music, food and drink among the art and artists of the gallery. Additionally, there will opportunities to win **a Round of Golf with Carts at the Daniel Island Club, a hotel stay at the French Quarter Inn, a piece of art by the incomparable Tony Gill**, and more. All ticket sale proceeds will benefit the mental health outreach programs of MUSC's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to ticket sales, MUSC patients have donated art that will be sold at the event and 100% of the proceeds of the sale of patient art and ten percent of the sales of all of the gallery art associated with the event will also go to the charity.

The event will feature food provided by celebrity chef **Brett McKee of "McKee's at 139-B"** as well as **Saltwater Cowboys, Felix and Blackwood Smokehouse**; liquor courtesy of Charleston's own **Firefly Distillery**, live music by **"One Kool Blow"**, meet and greet with many of the gallery's artists and more.

"We're excited to be hosting this amazing event again. It's so important to both help MUSC's mental health outreach programs and trying to eliminate the stigma of seeking help for our mental health. And this year, now that we've moved in our permanent gallery location, we have twice the space, twice the number of artists in attendance, twice the number of fabulous prize offerings, and with our amazing food and beverage partners, it'll truly be a taste of some of the best food and drink in the lowcountry. All for a great cause." **Josiah Trager, co-owner of TRAGERcontemporary**.

Tickets are on sale now at [2018artofmentalhealth.eventbrite.com](#).