

Art For Art's Sake

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Sush Machida and Tim Bavington print

In a stroke of inspiration, 11 Las Vegas-based artists who have created limited-edition lithographs designed to benefit the proposed Art Museum at Symphony Park.

The boxed-set portfolio (available at MCQ Fine Art, 620 S. Seventh St.) showcases many array of local artists working in a variety of styles, from still life to abstract.

In Tim Bavington and Sush Machida's colorful collaboration, the former's hard-edged geometric stripes form a backdrop for the latter's fanciful birds, waves and whales.

Krystal Ramirez creates a checkerboard of chalkboards, all bearing the same handwritten confession: "I miss the old days." Sean Slattery's bursting blooms create a still-life contrast with Erik Beehn's black-and-white bouquet, which is punctuated by a red tablecloth — and a single yellow flower.

Rounding out the roster of participating artists: Linda Alterwitz, Justin Favela, Shawn Hummel, Wendy Kveck, JK Russ and David Ryan.

Beehn, who is also a master printer, printed the portfolio, which includes 15 artists' proofs and special proofs. It's available in an edition of 50, and each portfolio is \$10,000 — half of which represents a tax-deductible donation to the proposed Symphony Park museum.

For more information on the portfolio, contact MCQ Fine Art at mcqfineart.com.