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## GALA AND ART AUCTION WHAT CAME FIRST? GREAT ARTISTS OR GREAT PATRONS?

Friday, April 7, 2017  
7PM–Midnight



Kay Rosen  
Only the Lonely, 2012  
Lithograph  
Courtesy the artist

HOUSTON, TX (February 22, 2017)— The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is pleased to announce the 2017 Gala and Art Auction. The event will be hosted on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 7PM-midnight. The co-chairs Ceron and Todd Fiscus and Kathryn and Colby Swain present the theme, *What Came First? Great Artists or Great Patrons?*, celebrating the vital relationship between artists and patrons. The egg-themed décor presented by Todd Events will transform CAMH's Brown Foundation Gallery. The evening begins with a lively cocktail hour including specialty cocktails by Casa Dragones Tequila, the opportunity to view the contemporary artworks on display, and bidding on the silent auction items. It will be followed by a seated dinner courtesy of Jackson & Company and a live auction of provocative works by some of CAMH's favorite artists. This year CAMH is introducing an exclusive after-party with dancing on the museum terrace and music by DJ Souljah.

GALA AND ART AUCTION

The silent and live auction will be presented by Christie's auctioneer, Steve Zick. The much-anticipated annual Art Auction goes live on CAMH.ORG with online pre-auction bidding starting on Friday, March 31 at noon and closing on Thursday, April 6 at 11:59PM CST. The 40+ auction works are available to view in person at CAMH Saturday, April 1-Thursday, April 6, during regular museum hours. Featured artists include Houston hometown hero, Mark Flood, whose exhibition at CAMH *Mark Flood: Gratest Hits* opened in April 2016; Los Angeles-based artist Mary Weatherford; Wu Tsang, an artist who moves fluidly between documentary, activism, and fiction; Scooter LaForge who uses his work as a "confessional"; the Houston-born collage artist Mary McCleary; and Paul Ramírez Jonas whose survey exhibition *Atlas, Plural, Monumental* opens at CAMH on April 29, 2017.

Proceeds from the annual Gala and Art Auction go to support CAMH's cutting-edge exhibitions, featuring the artists of our time, as well as public and educational programs for children, teens, and adults.

For information on how to purchase tickets to the 2017 Annual Gala and Art Auction, on Friday, April 7, 7PM-midnight, visit [camh.org/gala](http://camh.org/gala) or email [gala@camh.org](mailto:gala@camh.org). Pre-auction bidding and proxy bids will begin online on Friday, March 31 at noon and will close Thursday, April 6 at 11:59PM CST. To view a catalogue of auction lots and for more information about the artists, visit [camh.org/gala](http://camh.org/gala). Auction winners will be notified on Monday, April 10, 2017.



Paul Ramírez Jonas  
*Registered (AZ)*, 2013  
CMYK inkjet print on paper and silkscreen  
Courtesy the artist

#### FEATURED ARTISTS\*

Debra Barrera

Josh Bernstein

Amy Blakemore

Jessie Bransford

Nathaniel Donnett

Chris Doyle

Owen Drysdale

Jack Early

Skylar Fein

Heath Flagvedt

Mark Flood

Danielle Frankenthal

David Gilbert

Wayne Gilbert

Anthony Goicolea

Brian Guidry

Roberta Harris

Ryan Hawk

Oliver Herring

Katherine Hubbard

Colin Hunt

Matt Keegan

David Kelley

Peter Krashes

Scooter LaForge

Felipe Lopez

Mary McCleary

Will Michels

Jeffrey Mitchell

Andrew Mroczek

& Juan Jose

Barboza-Gubo

Eileen Myles

Floyd Newsum

Paul Ramírez Jonas

Kay Rosen

Susie Rosmarin

Dan Schmahl

Tony Sonnenberg

Peter Soriano

Earl Staley

Wu Tsang

Jim Verburg

Mary Weatherford

\*List as of February 21, 2017

## PRESS RELEASE



Ryan Hawk  
*GAK Portrait #2*, 2016  
Archival inkjet print of video production still  
Courtesy the artist

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### CAMH MISSION

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is a leading destination to experience innovative art. CAMH actively encourages public engagement with its exhibitions through its educational programs, publications, and online presence.

### *ALWAYS FRESH, ALWAYS FREE*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Contemporary Arts Museum Houston is located at 5216 Montrose Boulevard, at the corner of Montrose and Bissonnet, in the heart of Houston's Museum District. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10AM–7PM, Thursday 10AM–9PM, Saturday 10AM–6PM, and Sunday 12PM–6PM. Admission is always free. For more information, visit CAMH.ORG or call 713 284 8250.