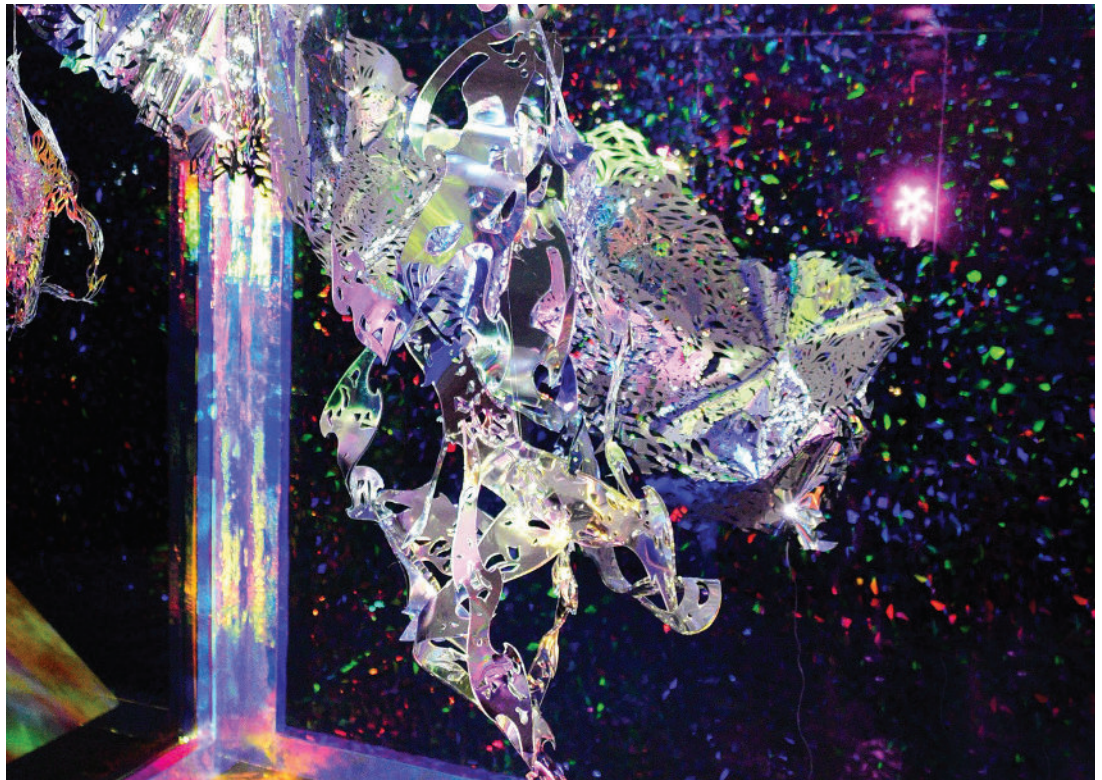


Press Release

2020 Annual Gala and Art Auction at Contemporary Arts Museum Houston



Julia Sinelnikova. *Open Shard* (detail), 2017. Hand-cut plastics, resin, and LED lights. Image courtesy the artist. Photo by Paul Koudounaris.

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HOUSTON, TX (March 10, 2020)— Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) is pleased to announce the 2020 Annual Gala and Art Auction. The event will be hosted at CAMH on Friday, April 3, 2020 from 7PM-midnight, presented by co-chairs Margaret Vaughan Cox and Jonathan Cox and Cabrina and Steven Owsley.

Proceeds from the Annual Gala and Art Auction support CAMH's world-class exhibitions as well as public and educational programs for children, teens, and adults. For information on how to purchase tickets to the 2020 Annual Gala and Art Auction, on Friday, April 3, visit camh.org/gala or email gala@camh.org.

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Paul Mpagi Sepuya
Mirror Study (OX5A7385), 2018
Archival pigment print, edition 2/5
13 3/10 x 8 9/10 inches
Courtesy the artist and Document, Chicago,
Illinois; Team Gallery, New York City, New York;
and Vielmetter, Los Angeles, California



Joseph Havel
Friction (river stones), 2014
Cast polyurethane resin, paperback book, and
stones
17 x 16 x 16 inches
Courtesy the artist Hiram Butler Gallery,
Houston, Texas

New in 2020, the Annual Gala and Art Auction will feature an immersive installation and performance by artist Julia Sinelnikova. Israel-born, Texas-raised, Russian artist Julia Sinelnikova has been transforming galleries, warehouses, and outdoor sites around the world into light-activated, iridescent sculptural environments since 2005. In honor of CAMH's annual Gala event, the artist has been invited to create a new body of work within the walls of the museum's main floor, culminating in an immersive installation titled *Crystal Veil*. Hand cut, crystalline resin sculptures and sprawling silver hanging elements will take over the space for two days and nights, enveloping it in refracted light patterns. For the Gala event on the evening of April 3, the artist as her persona "The Oracle" will present a new performance piece with a focus on poetry, light, and movement. This presentation serves as a CAMH homecoming as the artist was once a member of the Museum's renowned Teen Council program. Sinelnikova's installation and performance are underwritten by Color Factory, Houston, Texas.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and the opportunity to view live and silent auction artworks; guests can bid on the silent auction items through a mobile-responsive bidding platform powered by Qtogo. It will be followed by a seated dinner courtesy of acclaimed City Kitchen and a live auction of exceptional works by a selection of artists curated by CAMH curators and leadership. Individual tickets are \$1,000 and available at camh.org/gala.

The live auction will be presented by Christie's auctioneer, Steve Zick. The much anticipated annual Art Auction offers online bidding, which is now open. Online bidding remains open until bidding closes at 11PM the night of the Gala. The auction artworks are available to view in person at CAMH Tuesday, March 31 through Thursday, April 2. To view all auction lots, visit camh.org/auction. Auction winners will be notified immediately upon the close of bidding via text message.

Auction artists include the following: Reed Anderson, Art Guys, Leilah Babirye, Steven Charles, Dana Frankfort, Francesca Fuchs, Joseph Havel, Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Lisa Lapinski, Eva Lewitt, David McGee, Bucky Miller, Melissa Miller, Elizabeth Murray, Karen Navarro, Mike Osborne, Eduardo Portillo, Jessi Reaves, Patrick Renner, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, Jay Shinn, Julia Sinelnikova, Anthony Sonnenberg, Ann Stautberg, Erick Swenson, and Nari Ward

The highly anticipated After Party returns to CAMH this year as an exclusive club atmosphere from 10PM–midnight in the Museum's Brown Foundation Gallery. After Party tickets are \$100 per individual.

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Karen Navarro
Subject #2 variation 1, 2019
Archival inkjet print, laser-cut and embossed on gesso panel
14 x 11 x 2 1/2 inches
Courtesy the artist and Foto Relevance, Houston, Texas



Elizabeth Murray
Study for "Kind of Blue", 2004
Colored pencil on paper
8 1/2 x 11 inches
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Contemporary Arts Museum Houston presents extraordinary, thought-provoking arts programming and exhibitions to educate and inspire audiences nationally and internationally.

General Information

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.

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