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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 or email 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. 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*	Anthony Goicolea	Andrew Mroczek
Debra Barrera	Brian Guidry	& Juan Jose
Josh Bernstein	Roberta Harris	Barboza-Gubo
Amy Blakemore	Ryan Hawk	Eileen Myles
Jessie Bransford	Oliver Herring	Floyd Newsum
Nathaniel Donnett	Katherine Hubbard	Paul Ramírez Jonas
Chris Doyle	Colin Hunt	Kay Rosen
Owen Drysdale	Matt Keegan	Susie Rosmarin
Jack Early	David Kelley	Dan Schmahl
Skylar Fein	Peter Krashes	Tony Sonnenberg
Heath Flagvedt	Scooter LaForge	Peter Soriano
Mark Flood	Felipe Lopez	Earl Staley
Danielle Frankenthal	Mary McCleary	Wu Tsang
David Gilbert	Will Michels	Jim Verburg
Wayne Gilbert	Jeffrey Mitchell	Mary Weatherford

*List as of February 21, 2017

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

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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.

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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.