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Washington Project For The Arts Announces Select 2015: WPA Art Auction Exhibition And Gala

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION: Thursday, January 29, 2015, 7–9pm

EXHIBITION VIEWING: January 30 through March 6, 2015; Wed–Fri 4–11pm, Sat 12–11pm; Sun 12–5pm

CURATOR TALKS: February 12 and 19, 2015, 6:30–8pm

GALA: March 7, 2015, 7–11pm

LOCATION: Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209



Above images left to right: Noah Breuer, *Cal and Glenn*, 2014, Courtesy of the Artist; Cynthia Connolly, *Olympic, Los Angeles California, 8-1-2012*, 2012, Courtesy of the Artist; Dana Schutz, *Relic*, 2006, Courtesy of the Artist and Petzel Gallery; *Sui Park, Wiggling 1-4*, 2014, Courtesy of the Artist.

January 7, 2014 (Washington, DC) - Washington Project for the Arts (WPA) announces the dates for **SELECT 2015**, its **34th Annual Art Auction Exhibition and Gala**. The curated **exhibition will open Thursday, January 29 at 7 pm** and will be **on view Wednesday through Friday 4 – 11pm, Saturday noon – 5pm, and Sunday noon – 5pm, January 30 through March 6, 2015**. *SELECT 2015* will be one of the last exhibitions held at Artisphere. The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, includes works by 104 emerging and established artists in a variety of media, selected by top curators from the region's most important institutions, notable independent curators, and the WPA Board of Directors. While the majority of participating artists reside in the Washington/Baltimore region, a number of established artists from outside the area will have works in the exhibition including Dana Schutz and Jason Gubbiotti.

Saturday, March 7, 2015 marks the **34th anniversary of the organization's highly-regarded art gala** that includes a **curated silent auction of more than 140 art works by top contemporary artists**, delicious dinner with a menu designed by chef R. J. Cooper, open bar, desserts, and DJ-fueled party with a (temporary) tattoo booth by artist Kelly Towles. **Tickets** to the auction gala start at \$325 and can be purchased by visiting the **WPA website** or contacting Nathalie von Veh at nvonveh@wpadc.org or 202-

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234-7103 x5. WPA will be offering a \$150 party ticket with admission at 9pm. Bidding on artwork will commence the night of the gala. For information on bidding in absentia, please visit the WPA website or contact Nathalie von Veh. New this year, WPA will introduce bidding via BidPal where guests can bid from their mobile devices.

In advance of the March 7 gala event, WPA will host an exhibition opening reception on January 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with wine & hors d'oeuvres from Peacock Cafe and two **Curator Talk** events on February 12 and 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. These events, as well as the exhibition viewing, are free and open to the public. At each evening of the Curator Talks, a group of curators will discuss their exhibition selections. February 12 will feature talks by Jennifer Farrell, Ryan Holladay, Sarah Kennel, and Brian Young. February 19 will feature talks by Asantewa Boakyewa, Kristi-Anne Caisse, Sarah Hanley, and Phyllis Rosenzweig. The talks offer a wonderful opportunity to meet the curators and learn more about the works on view.

The exhibition and gala will be held at Artisphere, located just two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro station. **Free parking** with validation is available in the Artisphere garage weekdays after 5pm and all day on weekends. The event is expected to draw more than 700 artists and art enthusiasts.

ABOUT SELECT 2015

Now in its 34th year, the SELECT Art Auction Gala is WPA's most important fundraising event. Guests include more than 700 artists, collectors, arts professionals, and business leaders. The event supports WPA's mission to promote contemporary art and artists in the greater DC metropolitan region. Proceeds from the sale of art are split equally between the participating artists and WPA and go to support WPA's free programming all year round. This year's gala event is co-chaired by Jessica Naresh (The Art Registry), Judy J. Sherman (j fine art), Andrew J. Sherman (Jones Day), and Robert Shields (Robert Shields Interiors). Auction Committee members include Martha Blalock, Heather Davis, Jessica Stafford Davis, Ayanna Dunn, Eric Hilton, Dr. Giselle Huberman, Jill Pearlman, Amanda Phillips, Henrique Siblesz, Vikki Tobak, and Blair Wunderlich.

Curators for SELECT 2015 include: **Asantewa Boakyewa**, Associate Curator, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History & Culture, Baltimore, MD; **Kristi-Anne Caisse**, Assistant Director, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC; **Jennifer Farrell**, Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Prints and Illustrated Books, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY; **Sarah Hanley**, Independent Print Curator and Critic, New York, NY; **Ryan Holladay**, New Media Curator, Artisphere, Arlington, VA; **Sarah Kennel**, Associate Curator, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; **Phyllis Rosenzweig**, Independent Curator/ Curator Emerita, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC; **Brian Young**, Curator, Arts Program, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD.

Participating Artists Include: Lauren Frances Adams • Kalee Appleton • Glen Baldrige • Alan Steven Binstock • A.J. Bocchino • Margaret Boozer • Catherine Borg • Alex Braden • Amy Hughes Braden • Otho DeWitt Branson • Milana Braslavsky • Noah Breuer • Julia Brown • Dwayne Butcher • F. Lennox Campello • Laura Carton • Mei Mei Chang • Hsin-Hsi Chen • Ben Chetta • Maya Ciarrocchi • Hannah Cohen • Billy Colbert • Cynthia Connolly • Joseph Corcoran • Adam Davies • Frank Hallam Day • Jenn DePalma • Lisa Dillin

• Daniel Todd Doughty • Mary Early • John Edmonds • Hector Emanuel • Suzanna Fields • Emily Francisco • Mary Freedman • Lee Gainer • Zaki Ghul • Hope Ginsburg • Edel Gregan • Jason Gubbiotti • Stephen Hendee • Jay Hendrick • Daniel Heyman • Cooper Alan Holoweski • Erik Hougen • Karen Hubacher • James Huckenpahler • Janna Ireland • Ashley Kauschinger • Jeffrey Kent • Hannele Lahti • Khánh H. Lê • Kakyoung Lee • Cary Leibowitz • Liz Lescault • Nate M. Lewis • Dalya Luttwak • Tamara Natalie Madden • Katherine Tzu-lan Mann • Caitlin Alexandra Masley • Christina McCleary • Patrick McDonough • Matthew Moore • Evan Nesbit • Tomomi Nitta • Chris Oh • Kwame Shaka Opere • Mike Osborne • Nikki Painter • Lydia Panas • Nara Park • Sui Park • Pamela Pecchio • Emilio Perez • Serena Perrone • Cameron Petke • Michael B. Platt • Caitlin Teal Price • Susana A. Raab • Ding Ren • Siobhan Rigg • Pam Rogers • Sandra Rottmann • Phil Sanders • Dana Schutz • Joyce J. Scott • Molly Springfield • Eve Stockton • Martin Swift • Monika Sziladi • Rob Tarbell • R.L. Tillman • Stephen Marcus Towns • Fahimeh Vahdat • Michael Vasquez • Terri Weifenbach • Levester Williams • Audrey Wilson • Julie Wolfe • Meseretu Wondie • Eva Wylie • William Wylie • Helen Zughuib • Malandela Zulu •

ABOUT ARTISPHERE

Artisphere is the newest art center within the Washington, DC region. With a campus of more than 60,000 square feet, Artisphere connects artists and audiences through an eclectic mix of fresh, thought-provoking programming in established and emerging art disciplines. Artisphere is a hot spot for insight into the creative process and to engage in artistic adventures—from contemporary visual art exhibitions, live music and theatre to new media, film and dance. Admission to Artisphere and all its visual art galleries is free; there is a cost for ticketed events.

Artisphere is managed by Arlington Economic Development and supported in part by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District, corporations, foundations, and individuals.

ABOUT WPA

Washington Project for the Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve a catalyst for contemporary art. WPA supports artists at all stages of their career and promotes contemporary art by presenting exhibitions, issues and ideas that stimulate public dialogue on art and culture. Since its founding in 1975 has showcased the works of thousands of artists and has reached hundreds of thousands of visitors and viewers with its programs and projects. WPA is currently located at the Capitol Skyline Hotel, but will move to a permanent exhibition and administrative space at 8th & V Streets NW in the fall of 2015. More information: <http://www.wpadc.org>

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