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**ASPEN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2011 artCRUSH ANNUAL SUMMER BENEFIT, WED, AUG 3 – FRI, AUG 5; ACCLAIMED AMERICAN ARTIST RONI HORN HONORED AS ASPEN AWARD FOR ART RECIPIENT**

*350+ top collectors, wine connoisseurs, artists, gallery owners, and international guests expected for 7<sup>th</sup> annual AAM gala weekend.*

*Concurrent summer exhibitions feature Jane and Marc Nathanson Distinguished Artist Haegue Yang and legendary American photographer Stephen Shore; On View July 29 – Oct 9, 2011.*

**ASPEN, CO**—The Aspen Art Museum announces its 7<sup>th</sup> annual **artCRUSH** summer benefit gala to be held Friday, August 5, 2011 as preceded by accompanying festivities: wineCRUSH and previewCRUSH, for three days of art, wine, and philanthropy in Aspen. Over 350 of the world's top art collectors, wine connoisseurs, artists, gallery owners, curators, celebrities, and global business leaders come together in Aspen each summer for the AAM's benefit weekend.

**artCRUSH 2011** will feature the presentation of the 2011 Aspen Award for Art to renowned American artist **Roni Horn**, who will also donate a work for the evening's live auction. The event is chaired by veteran Chair and AAM National Council member **Amy Phelan** and, for the 5th consecutive year, the AAM partners with presenting sponsor Sotheby's, whose Principal Auctioneer and Worldwide Head of Contemporary Art **Tobias Meyer** will once again preside over the evening's live auction. In 2010, the **artCRUSH** benefit weekend garnered an overall record-setting \$1.5 million in support of the AAM's groundbreaking contemporary visual arts programming.

In addition to the main **artCRUSH** event, related evening events precede the gala including: **wineCRUSH, (Wednesday, August 3, 2011)**—a remarkable evening of wine and food hosted by **John and Amy Phelan** in their Aspen home during which master sommeliers guide guests through rare vintages and pairings, and featuring the Phelan's cutting-edge art collection; and, **previewCRUSH, (Thursday, August 4, 2011)**—a cocktail reception and artCRUSH live auction preview at Aspen's Baldwin Gallery.

**afterpartyCRUSH** will once again take place post-main event at Aspen's popular Syzygy/Ute City restaurant locations, featuring acclaimed celebrity DJ Samantha Ronson. Ronson has spun at some of the most high profile gigs around the country—Jessica Simpson's birthday party; with Lindsay Lohan on the American Music Awards; parties and events for *ElleGirl* Prom, *Blender*, *Maxim*, the IFC Awards, Playstation at the Super Bowl, Sundance, the VMA's in Miami, and more.

## **RONI HORN—2011 ASPEN AWARD FOR ART HONOREE**

Born in New York in 1955, Roni Horn received her MFA from Yale University in 1978. She currently lives and works both in New York and in Reykjavik, Iceland. Her work is included in many private and public collections around the globe. Recent solo exhibitions include: Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany (2011); Centre of Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland (2010); *Roni Horn aka Roni Horn*, (traveling exhibition), ICA—Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Tate Modern, London, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (2009-2010); CAC—Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Malaga, Spain (2008); and others. Group exhibitions include: *Contemporary Collecting: The Judith Neisser Collection*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL (2011); *Portrait Series. Photographies of a Century*, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany (2011); *Haunted: Contemporary Photography/Video/Performance*, (traveling exhibition), Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain (2010); *10.000 Lives*, 8<sup>th</sup> Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, Korea (2010); *Collection: MOCA's First Thirty Years*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (2010); and *Pictures by Women: A History of Modern Photography*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York (2010), among others.

## **CONCURRENT artCRUSH ASPEN ART MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS**

On view in the AAM Lower Gallery during the gala celebrations will be the 2011 **Jane and Marc Nathanson Distinguished Artist in Residence** exhibition of renowned Korean-born artist **Haegue Yang**. This, Yang's first solo U.S. museum exhibition, the artist will include a new series of light sculptures that feature clothing display racks, mountain river driftwood and pinecones, among other natural and manmade objects. Also on view concurrently from July 29 – October 9, 2011 in the museum's Upper Gallery is an exhibition by renowned American photographer **Stephen Shore**. Featuring 36 images from a never-before-seen photographic series portraying Abu Dhabi, this AAM exhibition gives U.S. audiences a street-level view of the region that is refreshingly free from media inflection or exaggeration.

***BOTH EXHIBITIONS WILL BE ON VIEW: July 29–October 9, 2011***

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## **A REVIEW OF artCRUSH 2010**

### **2010 artCRUSH Art Donations Artists**

Mamma Andersson, Bertozzi & Casoni, Delia Brown, Damien Hirst, Richard Phillips, Ed Ruscha, Tom Sachs, Kiki Smith, Xavier Vielhan, Roni Horn, and (2010 Aspen Award for Art Honoree) Marilyn Minter.

**Guests:** Among 2010 artCRUSH guests were New York collectors **Jill & Jay Bernstein, Melva Bucksbaum & Raymond J. Learsy, Beth Rudin DeWoody, David & Danielle Ganek**, and, **Glenn & Amanda Fuhrman**; Los Angeles collectors and arts patrons **Maria & Bill Bell, Bob & Linda Gersh**, and **Marc & Jane Nathanson**; Miami collectors **Don & Mera Rubell, Jason & Michelle Rubell**, and **Dennis & Debra Scholl**; Dallas patrons **Paul & Gayle Stoffel, Allen & Kelli Questrom**; **Toby Devan Lewis** of Cleveland; **Paul & June Schorr**; Connecticut collectors **David & Jennifer Stockman** and **Arthur & Pamela Sanders**; Chicago collectors **Stefan Edlis & Gael Neeson**; and Aspen collectors **Domenico & Eleanore De Sole, Frannie Dittmer, Bob & Soledad Hurst**, AAM Board President **Daniel Holtz & Toni Holtz, Nancy & Robert Magoon**,

and **Larry & Susan Marx**. International collectors that attended included **Isabella & Theodor Dalenson, Gabby & Ramiro Garza, and Eugenio Lopez**. Museum directors and curators included **Anne Ellegood, Douglas Fogle, and Ann Philbin** of the Armand Hammer Museum of Art; **Richard Armstrong** from the Guggenheim Museum; **Klaus Biesenbach** and **Peter Eleey** from PS1 Contemporary Art Center; **Olga Viso** of the Walker Museum of Art; and **Adam Weinberg** from the Whitney Museum of American Art. Guest gallerists included **Richard Edwards, Sarah Gavlak, Christoph Gerozissis, Ronnie & Jan Greenberg, Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn**, who represents Marilyn Minter, **Rachel Lehmann, and Perry Rubenstein**. And, artists **Delia Brown, Will Cotton, Josephine Meckseper, Mirhad, Richard Phillips, Tom Sachs, Mickalene Thomas, and Xavier Vielhan**, alongside Aspen award recipient **Marilyn Minter**.

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**The Aspen Art Museum** is a non-collecting institution presenting the newest, most important evolutions in international contemporary art. Our innovative and timely exhibitions, education and public programs, immersive activities, and community happenings actively engage audiences in thought-provoking experiences of art, culture, and society.  
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**AAM MUSEUM HOURS:**

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Thursday's 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, noon to 6:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and major holidays

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**AAM ADMISSION IS FREE** courtesy of John and Amy Phelan

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