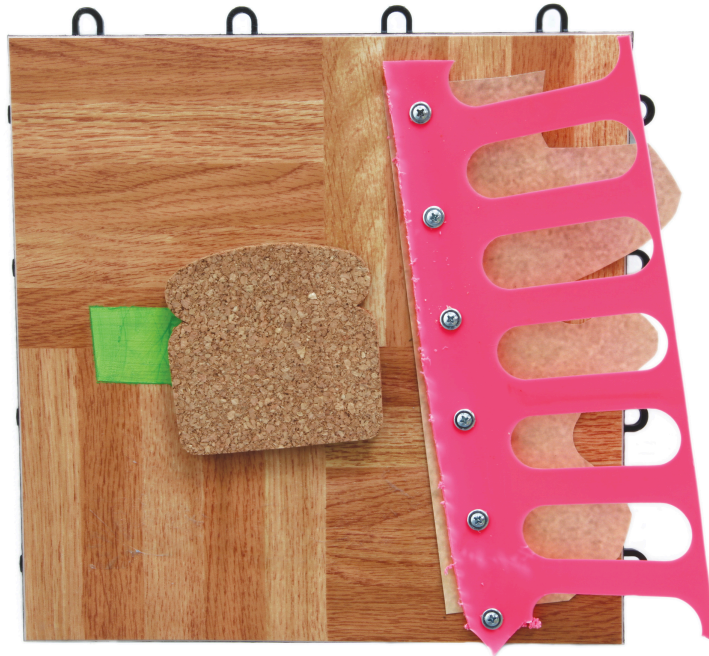


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ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER'S 35th ANNUAL ART AUCTION TO FEATURE OVER 200 WORKS OF ART

Live and silent auctions take place August 1, 2015



Aspen/Snowmass, Colo. (July 20, 2015) — Anderson Ranch's largest community event, the 35th Annual Art Auction and Community Picnic, will feature **over 200 works of art by top contemporary artists** available for bid in live and silent auctions. A highlight of the Aspen/Snowmass summer arts and culture scene, the event takes place Saturday, **August 1, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Anderson Ranch**. The Annual Art Auction is open to all and offers a festive morning and afternoon full of live music, children's art activities, a gourmet picnic lunch and more as part of the art-infused experience.

"The Annual Art Auction is a real manifestation of love and respect for the Ranch by all involved," offers Nancy Wilhelms, Executive Director of Anderson Ranch Arts Center. "Many of the works in our auctions have a Ranch story to tell—they were either created here or were part of a body of work presented here. Everyone's participation means so much to the Ranch, especially on the doorstep of our 50th anniversary next year."

Curated by Barbara Lee, the live auction portion of the event features an array of works including a **Jessica Stockholder** sculpture, a photographic print by **Alec Soth**, photogravure from **Shana and Robert ParkeHarrison**, handmade paper from **Ursula von Rydingsvard**, a **Hernan Bas** print, raku ceramics by **Jun Kanenko**, a vintage silver print by **Amy Arbus**, woodfired stoneware by ceramist and Japanese National Living Treasure, **Takashi Nakazato**, as well as pieces by ceramists **John Gill** and **Ron Nagle**. Bonhams' William O'Reilly will once again serve as auctioneer.

All auction items will be available for preview at Anderson Ranch; live auction works will be on view July 24 – 30 and silent auction works on view July 27 – 31 at the Ranch's Patton-Malott Gallery and Wyly Painting Building, respectively. **Advance bidding for live and silent auction works will be available via Paddle8** July 17 11:00 AM MDT through July 30 at 6:00 PM MDT at paddle8.com/auction/andersonranchcommunity.

For further information, visit andersonranch.org or call Hailey Walsh at 970/923.3181 x227.

The Annual Art Auction raises funds to help underwrite over 140 summer workshops, a spring and fall Artists-in-Residence program, community outreach, public programs such as the Summer Series: Featured Artists & Conversations, a Visiting Artist program, scholarships and much more.

The 35th Annual Art Auction is generously sponsored by Art Alternatives, Aspen 82, Aspen Magazine, Aspen Brewing Company, Blick Art Materials, Bonhams, Clark's Market, Paddle8, Roaring Fork Beer Company, Simply Framed, Stash and Suerte.

Image Credit: Jessica Stockholder, Toast, 2014. Snap lock tile, cork toast, plastic, screws, poster print, acrylic paint, 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 x 1/2 inches. Courtesy of the Artist; Mitchell-Innes & Nash, N.Y.; and Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago.

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About Anderson Ranch Arts Center

Founded in 1966, Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a premier destination in America for art making and critical dialogue, bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Aspen/Snowmass, Colo., the Ranch hosts extensive workshops for everyday, emerging and established artists in eight disciplines, including Photography & New Media, Ceramics, Painting & Drawing, Furniture Design & Woodworking, Sculpture, Woodturning, Printmaking, and Digital Fabrication. The Ranch's Summer Series features some of the most influential creative voices of our time and hosts conversations with top critics and collectors, including in 2015 the artists Lizzie Fitch & Ryan Trecartin, Hank Willis Thomas, Enrique Martínez Celaya, Trevor Paglen, Arlene Shechet, Alec Soth, McArthur Binion, and Frank Stella. The Ranch also hosts engaging events throughout the year including: the Recognition Dinner (Thursday, July 16, 2015), which this year honored Frank Stella and Jennifer and David Stockman; the Annual Art Auction & Community Picnic (Saturday, August 1, 2015), a thirty-five-year-old tradition featuring works of local, national and international artists; and the Artists-in-Residence Program, fostering artistic growth for emerging and established visual artists.

In 2016, Anderson Ranch will celebrate its 50th anniversary, furthering its mission to provide transformative experiences that celebrate artists, art making, creative dialogue and community. Learn more at www.andersonranch.org or 970/923.3181.

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