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ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES 2016 SUMMER SERIES: FEATURED ARTISTS & CONVERSATIONS PARTICIPANTS DOMENICO & ELEANORE DE SOLE, THE HAAS BROTHERS, THOMAS HOUSEAGO, TITUS KAPHAR, LIZA LOU, NANCY MAGOON, ANN PHILBIN, ALEX PRAGER, CHARLES RAY, JERRY SALTZ, CARRIE MAE WEEMS

A highlight of Anderson Ranch's 50th anniversary year, Featured Artists & Conversations hosts worldrenowned artists and key figures in the art world who visit the Ranch's five acre site located in Aspen/Snowmass to present and discuss their work with students, faculty, patrons and the public



2016 Summer Series to Run July 7 – August 11

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Aspen/Snowmass, Colo. (April 27, 2016) — Anderson Ranch Arts Center, a premier art making destination and catalyst for critical dialogue in the contemporary art world, announces the line-up for its six-week Featured Artists & Conversations Series, including acclaimed artists The Haas Brothers, Thomas Houseago, Titus Kaphar, Liza Lou, Alex Prager, Charles Ray, and Carrie Mae Weems. The series will also feature prominent art collectors

Nancy Magoon and Eleanore and Domenico De Sole; curator Ann Philbin, Director of the Hammer Museum; and senior art critic for New York Magazine, Jerry Saltz.

The annual series, which has previously featured some of the most influential artists of our time, explores the work of world-renowned artists and curators, and hosts conversations with today's most influential critics and collectors, in both lecture and Q&A formats. Past artist participants have included Marina Abramović (2013), Holland Cotter (2014), Theaster Gates (2014), Rashid Johnson (2012), Anne Pasternak (2014), Laurie Simmons (2011), Frank Stella (2015), Mickalene Thomas (2010), Hank Willis Thomas (2015), Bill Viola (2013), and Kara Walker (2012). Taking place on select dates throughout Aspen's summer season, the popular series draws over 1,500 top U.S. collectors and patrons, art enthusiasts and the public as well as Anderson Ranch students and faculty. All public events are free, though a reservation is required.

Nancy Wilhelms, Executive Director of Anderson Ranch, notes, "Our Featured Artists & Conversations Series is a highly anticipated part of Aspen's summer arts and cultural season. We bring exciting artists, critics and collectors to Anderson Ranch to share ideas with our audiences and the art world at large. Our commitment to stimulating creative dialogue focused on contemporary art and art making is deeply rooted in our heritage. This incredible line-up continues this legacy, during an action-packed 50th anniversary year."

2016 Summer Series: Featured Artists & Conversations Schedule

Public events are free, though a reservation is required. All events take place in Schermer Meeting Hall on the Anderson Ranch Arts Center campus located at 5263 Owl Creek Road, Snowmass Village, Colo. 81615. For reservations visit andersonranch.org. Online registration opens Tuesday, May 10.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 12:30PM	Titus Kaphar
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 12:30PM	Thomas Houseago
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 12:30PM	Jerry Saltz, Senior Art Critic, New York Magazine
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 12:30PM	Conversation with Eleanore and Domenico De Sole, Moderated by Nancy Magoon, art collector
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 12:30PM	Carrie Mae Weems
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 12:30PM	Liza Lou
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 4:00PM	Ann Philbin, Director of the Hammer Museum, in Conversation with Charles Ray (National Council event)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 12:30PM	Alex Prager
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 12:30PM	The Haas Brothers

The Summer Series is part of a full slate of creative dialogue programming at Anderson Ranch throughout the year, including a joint symposium with the **Aspen Institute Society of Fellows**, June 19-21, entitled "Race, Gender and Class: Social Justice Through the Lens of Contemporary Art," featuring MacArthur Fellow, artist and community organizer **Rick Lowe**, and activist artist **Andrea Bowers** as moderators. **Enrique Martínez Celaya** will offer a mini-workshop, "Alternatives," (July 2) about the understanding of art and its role in society. **Tom Sachs** and **Tom Healy** will present a special workshop on the cultural significance of contemporary art making (July 13-14).

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. In addition to the Summer Series: Featured Artists & Conversations, the Ranch also hosts engaging events throughout the year including: the Recognition Dinner (Thursday, July 21, 2016) honoring the National Artist Award and Service to the Arts Award recipients; the Annual Art Auction & Community Picnic (Saturday, August 6, 2016), a thirty-six-year-old tradition which features 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 enrich lives with art, inspiration and community. Learn more at www.andersonranch.org or 970/923.3181.

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