

Aspen Art Museum

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2014 Aspen Award for Art Honoree Ernesto Neto and AAM's Nancy and Bob Magoon CEO & Director Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson at AAM's ArtCrush 2014 (Image: Billy Farrell/BFAnyc.com); Sotheby's Oliver Barker leading live auction during ArtCrush 2014 (Image: David X Prutting/BFAnyc.com); Guests entering ArtCrush 2014 (Image: Billy Farrell/BFAnyc.com).

ASPEN ART MUSEUM 2014 ARTCRUSH BENEFIT RAISES \$3 MILLION IN ADVANCE OF NEW SHIGERU BAN-DESIGNED BUILDING OPENING

ERNESTO NETO HONORED WITH 2014 ASPEN AWARD FOR ART

ASPEN, CO—On Friday, August 1, 2014 the Aspen Art Museum (AAM) hosted its tenth annual ArtCrush summer benefit, **raising \$3 million** to benefit the Museum's exhibition and educational programming. The eleven-lot 2014 ArtCrush Live Auction of contemporary art plus the 93-lot Silent Auction raised over \$2.3 million. The festivities preceded the opening of the new Shigeru Ban-designed, 33,000-square foot AAM, which had its official ribbon cutting ceremony and member's reception on Saturday, August 2. The museum officially opens to the public with a 24-hour celebration from 5pm Saturday, August 9 to 5pm Sunday, August 10.

At ArtCrush, the AAM's Nancy and Bob Magoon CEO and Director, **Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson**, presented the 2014 Aspen Award for Art to artist **Ernesto Neto**. The presentation comes during his exhibition, **Gratitude**, which includes a new site-specific installation spanning the upper and lower galleries of the AAM's current facility, and on view through September 7, 2014—the final exhibition scheduled within the AAM's current home.

Ernesto Neto's artwork, *gota love pedra stone mathmatenergyfingerdedos and rose quartz*, sold for \$75k during the ArtCrush Live Auction, which was presided over by Sotheby's European Senior International Specialist of Contemporary Art **Oliver Barker**. Other highlights of the live auction included: **Mickalene Thomas's** *Clarivel #2* (\$170k); **Cai Guo-Qiang's** *Red Fuse No. 4* (\$100k); **Sarah Lucas's** *Tit Teddy Make Love* (\$95k); **Rosemarie Trockel's** *Untitled* (\$130k); **Ryan Gander's** *Tell My Mother Not to Worry (viii)* (\$190k); **Ugo Rondinone's** *The valiant* (\$95k); **Gabriel Orozco's** *Heráldico oro* (\$160k); **Aaron Curry's** *Untitled* (\$75k); and **Wade Guyton's** *Untitled* (\$26k).

The silent auction featured works by esteemed artists such as: **Diane Arbus, Sanford Biggers, The Bruce High Quality Foundation, Stefan Bruggemann, Anne Collier, Jose Davila, Gregory Gummarsall, Nicholas Hlobo, Jim Hodges, Terence Koh, Friedrich Kunath, Brice Marden, Eddie Martinez, Takeshi Murata, Raymond Pettibon, Randy Pumbao, Ed Ruscha, Amy Sillman, Laurie Simmons, Kathrin Sonntag, Eduardo Terrazas, Mario Garcia Torres, Jorinde Voigt, William Wegman, Ai Weiwei, Dustin Yellin,** and more.

The gala on Friday night marked the culmination of the museum's three-day benefit, which hosted approximately 600 of the world's top art collectors, wine connoisseurs, artists, gallery owners, museum directors, curators, and global business leaders. ArtCrush 2014 attendees included such notables as AAM Board of Trustees Vice-President and fashion-world icon **Domenico De Sole**, AAM board member **Lance Armstrong**, renowned actress **Mamie Gummer**, actor **Timothy Olyphant**, and DJ duo **The Dolls**—who were the featured entertainment at **AfterPartyCrush** at Belly Up, Aspen, just following the main event.

Events preceding the ArtCrush gala began with WineCrush on July 30, hosted by ArtCrush Chair and AAM National Council member **Amy Phelan** and Museum Board of Trustees Co-President **John Phelan** in their contemporary Aspen home. The limited-attendance evening also featured rare wine vintages and food pairings, sponsored by **Italian Wine Merchants and Antinori**, and presented by master sommeliers led by **Jay Fletcher**, Executive Director of Fine Wine and Master Sommelier for Southern Wine and Spirits.

PreviewCrush, an annual cocktail reception held at Aspen's **Baldwin Gallery** hosted by gallery owner **Richard Edwards** allowed guests to preview artworks included in the following evening's ArtCrush live and silent auctions. It was augmented for the second consecutive year by a kickoff event at Aspen's **Casterline|Goodman Gallery** location.

Each year, ArtCrush draws major art-world figures from around the globe. 2014 attendees included:

Collectors and Arts Patrons

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Museum Professionals

Neal Benezra, Director of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)
Connie Butler, Chief Curator of the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
Peter Eleey, Associate Director of Exhibitions and Programs, MoMA PS1
Gary Garrels, Elise S. Haas Senior Curator of Painting and Sculpture, SFMOMA

Jessica Moss, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art, Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago

Ann Philbin, Director of the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

Philippe Vergne, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles

Matthew Witkovsky, Curator, The Art Institute of Chicago

Gallerists

Matt Bangser, Blum & Poe

Angela Brazda, Jeannie Freilich, Alex

Logsdail, Gallery Lisson

Carla Camacho, Lehmann Maupin

Andrea Cashman, Andrea Rosen Gallery

Alex Cesaria & Daniela Mercuri, Unix Gallery

Mary Leigh Cherry, Cherry and Martin

Teofilo Cohen, Polina Stroganova

Flavio Del Monte, Massimo de Carlo

Bridget Donahue, Gavin Brown's Enterprise

Richard Edwards, Baldwin Gallery

Honor Fraser & Stavros Merjos, Angela

Robins, Honor Fraser Gallery

Janis Gardner Cecil, Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art

Adam Glick, Galerie Lelong

Jeanne Greenberg-Rohatyn and Nicolas Rohatyn, Salon 94

Kavi Gupta, Kavi Gupta Gallery New York

Hannah Hoffman, Hoffman Gallery

Mike Homer, David Kordansky Gallery

Joseph Kraeutler, Hasted Kraeutler

David Leiber, David Zwirner

David Maupin, Lehmann Maupin

Patricia Ortiz Monasterio, Galeria OMR

David Nolan, David Nolan Gallery

Chris Perez, Ratio 3

Courtney Plummer, Marian Goodman Gallery

Shaun Regen, Regen Projects

Jacqueline Tran, Matthew Marks Gallery

Steve Turner, Steve Turner Contemporary

Jessie Washburne-Harris, Marian Goodman Gallery

Sarah Watson, Sprüth Magers

Angela Westwater, Sperone Westwater

Artists

Tomma Abts

Doug Aitken

Shigeru Ban

Delia Brown

Stefan Bruggemann

Anne Collier

Marc Dennis

Dzine

Ryan Gander

Cai Guo-Qiang

Tony Feher

Teresita Fernandez

Matthew Higgs

Jim Hodges

Sergej Jensen

Gabriel Kuri

Marilyn Minter

Dave Muller

Oscar Murillo

Ernesto Neto

Angel Otero

Richard Phillips

Lorna Simpson

Mickalene Thomas

Fred Tomaselli

Molly Zuckerman-Hartung

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