

MEDIA ALERT

**CALARTS ALUMNI & FACULTY DONATE MORE THAN 30 WORKS OF ART
TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION TO BENEFIT CALARTS**

**Post-War Contemporary Art Day Sale at Christie's New York
May 14, 2014**

**All Sales to Benefit the new John Baldessari
Studio Building and Endowed Scholarships
in the CalArts School of Art**



The John Baldessari Art Studio Building at CalArts School of Art

WHAT: 32 works of art donated by California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) alumni, faculty and friends, including works by John Baldessari, Walead Beshty, Mike Kelley, Robert Longo, Cathy Opie, Ed Ruscha, Tony Oursler and Jennifer Steinkamp will be auctioned during Christie's **Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Sale on May 14th**, all proceeds of which will benefit the **CalArts School of Art**, specifically to fund the new John Baldessari Art Studio Building and to endow scholarships for students in the School of Art.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 PM
Lots 307 – 338

WHERE: Christie's New York (20 Rockefeller Plaza)

ARTISTS: John Baldessari, Walead Beshty, Ashley Bickerton, Ross Bleckner, James Casebere, Vija Celmins, Jack Goldstein, Mike Kelley, William Kentridge, Elad Lassry, Robert Longo, Dashiell Manley, Adam McEwen, Matt Mullican, Cathy Opie, Gabriel Orozco, Tony Oursler, Laura Owens, Lari Pittman, Stephen Prina, Allen Ruppersberg, Ed Ruscha, Gary Simmons, Jennifer Steinkamp, Pat Steir, Thomas Struth, Henry Taylor, Jeff Wall, Carrie Mae Weems, Lawrence Weiner, James Welling and Christopher Williams.

HONORARY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Sofia Coppola, (*CalArts '94*)

Marian Goodman, *Marian Goodman Gallery*

Jill G. Kraus, *CalArts Trustee*

Janet Sternburg and Steven D. Lavine, *President, CalArts*

Thomas Lawson, *Jill and Peter Kraus Distinguished Chair and Dean, CalArts School of Art*

Tony Oursler (*CalArts '79*)

Ed Ruscha (*Chouinard '60*)

Honorary Committee: Miguel Abreu, Timothy Blum, Mark Bradford, Eva Chow, Paula Cooper, James Cuno, Neda and Tim Disney, Veronica Pastel and Robert Egelston, Mandy and Cliff Einstein, Larry Gagosian, Frank O. Gehry, Harriett and Richard Gold, Susan Steinhäuser and Dan Greenberg, Amy Madigan and Ed Harris, Charmaine Jefferson, Michael Kohn, David Kordansky, Margo Leavin, Rachel Lehmann, Philip Lind, Eugenio Lopez, David Maupin, Brooke Garber Neidich and Daniel Neidich, Thao Nguyen, Susan and Leonard Nimoy, Peter Norton, Catherine Opie, Michael Ovitz, Laura Owens, Jeff Poe, Joan Agajanian Quinn and John Quinn, Erica Redling, Shaun Caley Regen, Janelle Reiring, Thomas Unterman, Dallas Price Van Breda and Bob Van Breda, Susanne Vielmetter, Joel Wachs, Adam Weinberg, Joni Weyl and Sidney Felsen, Helene Winer, Lynn Zelevansky and Dasha Zhukova.

About The CalArts Art Benefit and Auction

The CalArts Art Benefit and Auction is a fundraising effort in which more than 80 important works of art donated by CalArts alumni, faculty, and friends will be exhibited and sold this spring. This unprecedented initiative will fund the new John Baldessari Studio Building and endow scholarships for students at the CalArts School of Art.

The initiative launched with an opening reception for the exhibition at Regen Projects in West Hollywood, CA on February 25, 2014 and then traveled to Paula Cooper Gallery and Metro Pictures in New York from April 5 -19, 2014. The works may also be viewed online at **Artsy** (<https://artsy.net/feature/calarts-sale>) and via the **Artsy** iPhone app until May 19, 2014.

The 32 works to be sold at auction by Christie's on May 14 will be on public view from May 8 to May 13 at Christie's New York, 20 Rockefeller Plaza. Saara Pritchard, Head of Post-War and Contemporary Day Sales at Christie's declared, "Christie's is honored to partner with CalArts, the internationally acclaimed Los Angeles-area institution founded by Walt Disney and his brother Roy, that offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the visual, performing, media and literary arts. Around 32 works of art, generously given by artists, gallerists, alumni and faculty, will be sold to benefit the CalArts School of Art and the John Baldessari Studio Building within our next Post-War and Contemporary art auction on May 14th. We are extremely proud to be part of this initiative to support the fundraising efforts goals of this monumentally important institution."

About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in 2013 that totaled £4.5 billion/ \$7.1 billion, making it the highest annual total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers around 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its

clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewelry. Private sales totaled £760.5 million (\$1.19 billion) in 2013, an increase of 20% on the previous year.

Christie's has a global presence with 53 offices in 32 countries and 12 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Mumbai. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in growth markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

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