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“ARTISTS FOR ARTISTS: 51ST ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION TO BENEFIT THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS” OPENS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

New York, NY, December 4, 2014—Foundation for Contemporary Arts (FCA), a non-profit arts organization founded in 1963 by Jasper Johns and John Cage that provides grants to artists, announces its 14th benefit exhibition opening December 13, 2014 at Matthew Marks Gallery in Chelsea. Organized by FCA Board Members Robert Gober, Julian Lethbridge, Glenn Ligon, and T.J. Wilco, ARTISTS FOR ARTISTS will feature 43 donated artworks available for sale (not auction). A list of participating artists is below. Proceeds will directly benefit FCA’s grant programs.

Founded and guided by artists, FCA has long been supported by a large community of artists who have generously donated their work to be sold in FCA’s historic benefit exhibitions. As with past FCA exhibitions, the upcoming exhibition will feature a mix of artists of different generations. Unlike FCA’s past exhibitions, which have included hundreds of works hung salon-style, this exhibition only includes 39 artists. FCA’s Board of Directors each invited four artists to participate. Each artist on the board has also donated a work. A fully illustrated catalogue accompanies the exhibition.

Since its inception in 1963, FCA’s mission has been to encourage, sponsor, and promote innovative work in the arts created and presented by individuals, groups, and organizations. Its legacy continues today with unrestricted, by-nomination grants supporting pioneering work across the fields of dance, music/sound, performance art/theater, poetry, and the visual arts. In addition to vital financial assistance, grantees receive the inestimable encouragement that comes with recognition by their peers. A fund is also maintained to assist artists with emergencies and unexpected opportunities related to their work. More than 2,300 grants awarded to artists and arts organizations—totaling over $11 million—have provided opportunities for creative exploration and development.

The current Directors of the Foundation are: Brooke Alexander, Cecily Brown, Robert Gober, Anne Dias Griffin, Agnes Gund, Jasper Johns, Julian Lethbridge, Glenn Ligon, Kara Walker, and T.J. Wilco.

“ARTISTS FOR ARTISTS: 51ST ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION TO BENEFIT THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS” will be on view at Matthew Marks Gallery, 526 West 22nd Street, New York, from Saturday, December 13, 2014 through Saturday, January 10, 2015. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Opening reception: Saturday, December 13, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The gallery is closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day.

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Participating artists (in alphabetical order):
Ai Weiwei
Stephen Andrews
Cecily Brown
Lucinda Childs
Cynthia Daignault
Walton Ford
Mark Thomas Gibson
Liam Gillick
Robert Gober
Guyton\Walker
Rachel Harrison
Jasper Johns
Jennie C. Jones
Kim Jones
Ellsworth Kelly
Anselm Kiefer
Jeff Koons
Julian Lethbridge
Glenn Ligon
Julie Mehretu
Kate Millett
Meredith Monk
Sophy Naess
Ken Okiishi
Elizabeth Peyton
Seth Price
Steve Reich
Clifford Ross
Ed Ruscha
Amy Sillman
Lorna Simpson
Josh Smith
Rudolf Stingel
Emily Sundblad
Ena Swansea
Sarah Sze
Kara Walker
Pae White
T.J. Wilcox

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