

Art Auction Exhibition: September 23 – October 21 Silent Auction: Saturday, October 7 Live Auction Gala: Saturday, October 21

San Jose, CA – September 7 – Connect & Collect, the highly anticipated Annual Art Exhibition and Auction, offers unique opportunities to view and acquire contemporary artwork by rising stars and celebrated artists whose work reflects eclectic styles and interests. The Connect & Collect Silent and Live auction parties promise a high level of energy and enthusiasm.

The Art Auction Exhibition, which runs from September 23 to October 21, features works that reflects the ICA's continued commitment to showcase a global range of artists in its exhibition program. "There are nearly 200 works by local, regional and national contemporary artists in every media under the sun. With such a wide variety, our visitors can see what artists are making and thinking about right now. It's a finger on the pulse of the current art scene in the Bay Area and beyond. There is literally something for everyone," states ICA Executive Director Cathy Kimball. The auction will include exceptional works donated from highly acclaimed artists, including Mark Adams, Lauren DiCiocco, Richard Diebenkorn, Joan Brown, Russell Crotty, Frank Lobdell, Kara Maria, Amy Ellingson, Gustavo Ramos Rivera, Manuel Neri and Heather Wilcoxon.

An Opening Reception for the Auction Exhibition will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 1pm to 4pm. The reception is free to attend and is open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity to meet many of the participating artists, view the exhibition and bid on silent auction works. Auction tickets purchased before October 1, include an invitation to **Brunch & Bid**, an exclusive auction preview party on October 1, 11am-1pm, where guests will have the first chance to bid and "Buy It Now" in the Silent Auction. Brunch and champagne mimosas included. The Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, October 7, 5pm – 8pm. This highly popular event features a vibrant mix of works in a variety of media that will excite novice and veteran art collectors alike. Artworks are available at all price points. The first auction lot closes at 6:15 pm and the last auction lot closes at 7:00 pm. Admission to the party is free. A cash bar will be provided. Bidder cards are \$50 and can be purchased at the event or on the ICA website. Ticket holders to the Live Auction receive a complimentary Silent Auction bidder card.

The Live Auction Gala, one of the Bay Area's most anticipated cultural events of the year, will be held on Saturday, October 21. Doors open at 6pm and the auction begins promptly at 7pm. Complimentary champagne, wine, beer, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. Admission to the Live Auction – always a sellout event -- is reserved for ticket holders. Tickets are \$100 in advance and \$150 at the door. ICA members at the \$250 level and above receive complimentary tickets to both the Silent Auction and Live Auction events.

List of participating artists: Mark Adams, Tracey Adams, Sarah Amos, David Kimball Anderson, Ky Anderson, Miya Ando, Kathy Aoki, Ray Ashley, Mary Ayling, David Best, Holly Blake, Jaap Bongers, Andrea Borsuk, Joan Brown, Thai Bui, Natalya Burd, Michael Buscemi, Mimi Cahalan, Cynthia Cao, Brian Caraway, Sara Carter, Chandra Cerrito, Edward Clapp, Kit Colman, Randy Coloski, Russell Crotty, Sidnea D'Amico, Pablo D'Antoni, Mel Day and Michael Namkung, Lewis deSoto, Rosana Castrillo Diaz, Lauren DiCioccio, Richard Diebenkorn, Guy Diehl, Christel Dillbohner, Catherine diNapoli, John DiPaolo, Elena Dorfman, Paule Dubois Dupuis, Kathryn Dunlevie, Chris Eckert, Amy Ellingson, Ian Everard, Mitra Fabian, Bean Finneran, Kyoko Fischer, Alison Foshee, Lorrie Fredette, Steve French, Johnny Friedlaender, Ellie Fritz, Ewa Gavrielov, Paul D. Gibson, Doug Glovaski, Rebekah Goldstein, Joseph Goldyne, Annette Goodfriend, Julia Anne Goodman, Bill Gould, Jylian Gustlin, Sarah Haba, Dana Harris, Ema Harris-Sintamarian, Taro Hattori, Carolynn Haydu, Victoria Mara Heilweil, Shawn HibmaCronan, Lisa Hochstein, Monroe Hodder, Kevin Hogan, Ann Hogle, Misako Inaoka, Thomas Ingmire, Henry Jackson, Oliver Lee Jackson, Patricia Jauch, Pancho Jimenez, Kathryn Kain, Robin Kandel, Pantea Karimi, Sherry Karver, Amy Kaufman, Michael Kenna, Jenifer Kent, Kyong Ae Kim, Katy Kindig, Evan Kolker, Keira Kotler, Diane Kreiter, Terry Kreiter, Naomie Kremer, Charlotte Kruk, Evri Kwong, Katja Leibenath, Katherine Levin-Lau, Ligorano/Reese, Bette Linderman, Roberta Loach, Frank Lobdell, LOLA, Nick Lomoro, Emma Luna, Whitney Lynn, Dharma Strasser MacColl, Michell Mansour, Kara Maria, Ellen Markoff, Vanessa Marsh, Ken Matsumoto, Tony May, Victoria May, Clive McCarthy, Lisa McCutcheon, Stephanie Metz, Masako Miki, Robert Milnes, Mary Mocas, Takeshi Moro, Elise Morris, Manuel Neri, Joyce Nojima, Jann Nunn, Catie O'Leary, Dennis O'Leary, Amy Oates, Michael Oechsli, Patti Oleon, Jean Oppermann, Jean Ostrau, PACE/WIRTZ, Sharon Paster, Kari Pilato, Steuart Pittman, Silvia Poloto, Mel Prest, Hadley Radt, Gustavo Ramos Rivera, Megan Reed, Vanessa

Renwick, Fanny Retsek, RoCoCo, Leah Rosenberg, Michael Rosenthal, Nancy Russell, Byron Ryono, Elizabeth Ryono, Diane Samuels, Cornelia Schulz, Michele Scott, Rose Sellery, Karen Shapiro, Donna Sharee, Michael Shemchuk, Pat Sherwood, Jennifer Shifflet, Chris Sicat, Brian Singer, Joshua Smith, Maxine Solomon, Mary Souza, Tricia Stackle, Teresa Stanley, Tamara Staples, Livia Stein, Amy Trachtenberg, Jeanne Vadeboncoeur, Sieglinde Van Damme, Beth Van Hoesen, Kerry Vander Meer, Theodora Varnay Jones, Jamie Vasta, Wanda Waldera, Beth Waldman, Merritt Wallace, Qian Wang, Ann Weber, James Weeks, Vita Wells, Erin Wheeler, Margaret Wherry, Stephen Whisler, Heather Wilcoxon, Pamela Wilson-Ryckman, Vanessa Woods, and Kaori Yamashita

EVENT FACTS:

Opening Reception for Art Auction Exhibition Sunday, October 1, 1pm – 4pm, Free admission

Silent Auction & Party Saturday, October 7, 5pm – 8pm, First lot closes at 6:15 pm Free admission, must purchase a bidder card to bid.

Live Auction Gala Saturday, October 21, Doors open at 6pm; Auction begins at 7pm Admission to ticket holders only.

Curator-led Tours of the Exhibition Free tours are available by appointment. Call 408-283-8155 to reserve.

Tickets: \$50 for Silent Auction Bidder Card \$100/person in advance to attend Live Auction (includes Silent Auction bidder card) \$150/person at the Live Auction door. Subject to availability.

Current ICA members at the Collectors level (\$250 and above) may reserve two complimentary tickets (valid for bidding in the Silent and Live Auctions). To reserve, please call 408.283.8155.

Buy Tickets:

Online: www.sjica.org

By Phone: 408.283.8155, or **In person**, at the gallery (Visa, MasterCard, AmEx accepted)

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Auction Committee Members: Chair: Yvonne Hunt, Elaine Cardinale, Rana Davis, Elena Lebedeva, Mary Mocas, Nicki Moffat, Kathy Schlepphorst and Terry Trobough.

The San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) is an energetic art space located in downtown San Jose dedicated to making contemporary art accessible and exciting to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Exhibitions are presented in six spaces that display the most current, relevant and often challenging art from the region, the nation and the world. The ICA is activated through opening receptions, a monthly series of live art performance, gallery tours, panel discussions, and impromptu conversations in the galleries. Admission is always free.