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Seattle Art Fair Announces Renewal of Acquisition Gift to Frye Art Museum

Second Year of Support to Further Diversify Museum's Contemporary Collection



Acquisition gift chosen from 2018 Seattle Art Fair.

Installation view of *Recent Acquisitions: Toyin Ojih Odutola*, Frye Art Museum, 2019. Photo: Jueqian Fang.

(SEATTLE, WA — July 23, 2019) — The **Seattle Art Fair**, presented by AIG, is pleased to announce the renewal of its partnership with the **Frye Art Museum**, fulfilling a two-year commitment to expand the museum's permanent collection and further increasing engagement with Seattle's cultural community year-round. The first year of partnership in 2018 launched the **Frye Art Museum's Contemporary**

Council, an affiliate group dedicated to expanding the museum’s contemporary art holdings and fostering a new generation of art collectors in Seattle.

In 2018, **Frye Art Museum Director/CEO Joseph Rosa** and curator **Amanda Donnan** selected artworks by **Toyin Ojih Odutola** from Albuquerque’s **Tamarind Institute** and **Ellen Lesperance** from Portland-based gallery **Adams and Ollman**. The acquisitions were made possible by a \$25,000 fund from the Seattle Art Fair in support of the museum’s new Contemporary Council. A second gift of \$25,000 will also be provided this year so that the Museum may continue to expand and diversify its contemporary collection.

“We are extremely grateful to the Seattle Art Fair for extending this partnership for a second year,” said **Joseph Rosa** of the Frye Art Museum. “The formation of our Contemporary Council and the acquisitions gift have created an exciting momentum in a relatively short period of time. The initial support from the Seattle Art Fair has already moved us beyond our expectations, so we are thrilled to build on this with additional acquisitions that reflect the abundance of artistic talent present in our region and on display at the Fair, and look forward to sharing these new works with our visitors. Both of the incredible works that were purchased last year will be on view at the Frye in 2019.”

The Frye Art Museum is a free, public museum with approximately 1,500 artworks in its permanent collection. The convergence of internationally significant artists and dealers at the Seattle Art Fair—which come from over 40 cities around the globe, including **Berlin, Dublin, Kyoto, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Montreal, New York, Paris, Seoul, Stockholm, Tokyo, and Vancouver**—provides the Frye Art Museum a world-class selection from which to expand its collection.

2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Collectors Preview

Thursday, August 1, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Opening Night Preview

Thursday, August 1, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Fair Hours

Friday, August 2, 11:00am - 8:00pm

Saturday, August 3, 11:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday, August 4, 11:00am - 6:00pm

Performances will take place during the Opening Night Preview and Fair Hours. Talks will take place during Fair Hours within the Christie’s Theater.

LOCATION

CenturyLink Field Event Center
1000 Occidental Ave S
Seattle, WA 98134

ABOUT SEATTLE ART FAIR

The Seattle Art Fair, presented by AIG, is a one-of-a-kind destination for the best in modern and contemporary art and a showcase for the vibrant arts community of the Pacific Northwest. Based in

Seattle, a city as renowned for its natural beauty as its cultural landscape, the fair brings together the region's strong collector base; local, national, and international galleries; area museums and institutions; and an array of innovative public programming. Founded in 2015 by Paul G. Allen, the Seattle Art Fair is produced by Vulcan Arts + Entertainment, and Art Market Productions.

ABOUT FRYE ART MUSEUM

The Frye Art Museum is a living legacy of visionary patronage and civic responsibility, committed to artistic inquiry and a rich visitor experience. A catalyst for our engagement with contemporary art and artists is the Founding Collection of Charles and Emma Frye, access to which shall always be free. Reflecting Seattle's evolving identity through exhibitions, programs, and outreach, the Museum showcases local and global artists who explore the issues of our time as well as contemporary scholarship on historical subject matter. By taking calculated risks, we uncover new voices, facilitate conversation, and engage our community in relevant social dialogues. Visit fryemuseum.org for more information.

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