



Palm Springs Art Museum Fundraiser and Exhibition *ARTrageous* Returns January 24 to February 22 Bringing Together 75 Donated Artworks

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (January 19, 2015) – The Contemporary Art Council (CAC) of Palm Springs Art Museum announced the return of the exciting exhibition and fundraiser, *ARTrageous*, taking place January 24 through February 22, and culminating with an exciting auction of the artworks on February 23. The exhibition is in the Joseph Claves III Wing of Palm Springs Art Museum and includes 75 intriguing artworks in various media donated by museum patrons, major collectors from across the country, artists and galleries.

This four-week exhibition features contemporary paintings, photography, prints, oils, watercolors, glass, ceramics, and sculpture, including artworks by Vikky Alexander, Arman, John Buck, Sandro Chia, Dale Chihuly, Richard Diebenkorn, Kim Dingle, Sam Francis, Robert Graham, Clinton Hill, Tom Holland, Tom Otterness, Helen Pashgian, George Rickey, Alexis Smith, Donald Sultan, Robert Therrien, Darren Waterston and dozens of others.

The CAC will showcase the renowned artist Hung Liu, one of the most prominent Chinese painters working in the US, as the “Artist of Honor” for the exhibition. The auction will feature a major, richly-rendered painting and a lithograph by Hung Liu, donated by Cindy Miscikowski. Both are vivid and powerful, with subjects drawn from personal experience, cultural and political events, literature and photography.

The exhibition will close with a silent auction and an engaging live auction on February 23 at the museum. Museum members are invited to attend the event. Tickets are \$135 for the cocktail reception and silent auction, from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; or \$275 for the cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, and live auction from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Proceeds from the auctions go to the museum's acquisitions and exhibitions funds.

Most artworks are valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000; some have sold for as much as \$100,000. Auctioneer August Uribe, Worldwide Co-Head of Contemporary Art at PHILLIPS, will conduct an exciting, fast-paced, live auction during dinner. Each *ARTrageous* auction has raised in excess of \$250,000. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For ticket purchases and reservations contact CAC Coordinator Gabriela Gomez at [\(760\) 322-4823](tel:7603224823) or via email at CAC@psmuseum.org.

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