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THE ARMORY SHOW AND ATHENA ART FINANCE ANNOUNCE BLANK PROJECTS AS THE WINNER OF THE SECOND ANNUAL PRESENTS BOOTH PRIZE

Jurors Naomi Beckwith, Glenn Fuhrman, Marguerite Hoffman and Pamela Joyner Selected the Winning Gallery

The Armory Show and Athena Art Finance Corp. are pleased to announce **blank projects** (Cape Town) as the winner of the second annual **Presents Booth Prize**. Supported in its second edition by Athena Art Finance, the Presents Booth Prize recognizes an outstanding and innovative gallery presentation within the Presents section of the fair.

By a majority decision, the international jury awarded blank projects a \$10,000 prize for its exemplary presentation of Igshaan Adams and Cinga Samson.

The 2018 Presents Booth Prize jury is comprised of: Naomi Beckwith, Marilyn and Larry Fields Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; Glenn Fuhrman, Collector and Founder of FLAG Art Foundation; Marguerite Hoffman, Collector; and Pamela Joyner, Collector and Philanthropist.

The Presents section within The Armory Show is a platform for galleries no more than ten years old to showcase recent work from emerging artists. Solo-artist and dual-artist presentations spotlight the next generation of artistic talent, which visitors can discover in this in-depth and intimate setting.

Jonathan Garnham, Founder and Owner of blank projects: "We're really pleased and very proud to have been awarded the Presents Booth Prize this year. It's a privilege to bring the work of Igshaan Adams and Cinga Samson from South Africa and present it to an American audience in New York, and for it to be so well received."

Nicole Berry, Executive Director of The Armory Show: "I am thrilled that blank projects was selected by the jury for the 2018 Presents Booth Prize, generously supported by Athena Art Finance, our Lead Partner. Their presentation of Igshaan Adams and Cinga Samson, whose works both deal with issues of identity, is relevant and compelling and was a standout for the jury. We are happy to have a gallery showcasing work that is coming out of South Africa, a vibrant and dynamic art community. The Presents Booth Prize generously supports younger galleries in their pursuit to present their artists on an international stage like The Armory Show."

Andrea Danese, Chief Executive Officer of Athena Art Finance: "We heartily congratulate blank projects on winning this year's Presents Booth Prize, which recognizes the energy, creativity and dynamism that blank projects has clearly showcased at this year's fair. Athena Art Finance is honored to continually support and advocate for a vibrant and flourishing art market at all levels through both the Presents

Booth Prize and as a partner to The Armory Show. We extend our very best to all of this year's Armory Show participants and attendees on an enjoyable and successful fair."

Participating artists and galleries in Presents:

80m2 Livia Benavides (Lima) | Iosu Aramburu (1986, Lima) & Sandra Gamarra (1971, Lima)
Sabrina Amrani Art Gallery (Madrid) | Timothy Hyunsoo Lee (1990, Seoul)
El Apartamento (Havana) | Reynier Leyva Novo (1983, Havana)
Arcade (London) | Peggy Franck (1978, The Netherlands)
Arredondo Arozarena (Mexico City) | Daniel Monroy Cuevas (1980, Guadalajara) & Francisco Ugarte (1973, Guadalajara)
Maria Bernheim (Zurich) | Ebecho Muslimova (1984, Dagestan)
blank projects (Cape Town) | Igshaan Adams (1982, Cape Town) & Cinga Samson (1986, Cape Town)
Document-Art Gallery (Buenos Aires) | Mariana Sissia (1890, Buenos Aires) & Hernan Soriano (Buenos Aires, 1978)
Downs & Ross (New York) | Sissel Blystad (1944, Oslo) & Sojourner Truth Parsons (1984, Vancouver)
Anat Ebgi (Los Angeles) | An Te Liu (1967, Taiwan) & Neil Raitt (1986, Leicester)
Halsey Mckay Gallery (East Hampton) | Colby Bird (1978, Austin) & Sheree Hovsepian (1974, Isfahan)
Lyles & King (New York) | Farley Aguilar (1981, Managua)
NINO MIER GALLERY (Los Angeles) | André Butzer (1973, Stuttgart)
Take Ninagawa (Tokyo) | Ryoko Aoki (1973, Hyogo) & Yukiko Suto (1978, Kanagawa)
Galerie Alberta Pane (Paris) | Ivan Moudov (1975, Sofia)
Parafin (London) | Justin Mortimer (1970, Cosford)
Patron Gallery (Chicago) | Alex Chitty (1979, Miami) & Bethany Collins (1984, Montgomery)
Galerie Jérôme Poggi (Paris) | Larissa Fassler (1975, Vancouver) & Kapwani Kiwanga (1978, Hamilton)
PSM (Berlin) | Nadira Husain (1980, Paris)
Revolver Galeria (Lima) | José Carlos Martinat (1974, Lima)
Shulamit Nazarian (Los Angeles) | Cammie Staros (1983, Nashville)
Temnikova & Kasela (Tallinn) | Meldere (1979, Kuldiga) & Jaanus Samma (1982, Tallinn)
Tiwani Contemporary (London) | Manuel Mathieu (1986, Haoto)
Vigo (London) | Derrick Adams (1970, American)
Galerie Tanja Wagner (Berlin) | Annabel Daou (1967, Beirut) & Nilbar Güres (1977, Istanbul)
WHATIFTHEWORLD (Cape Town) | Athi-Patra Ruga (1984, Republic of Transkei)

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Armory Show

The Armory Show is New York City's premier art fair and a leading cultural destination for discovering and collecting the world's most important 20th- and 21st-century art. Staged on Manhattan's Piers 92 & 94, The Armory Show features presentations by leading international galleries, innovative artist commissions and dynamic public programs. Since its founding in 1994, The Armory Show has served as a nexus for the international art world, inspiring dialogue, discovery and patronage in the visual arts.

Athena Art Finance

[Athena Art Finance](#) is an independent specialty finance company, dedicated to serving the needs of the global art market. Athena's services include a gallery financing program specifically designed to address galleries' and dealers' capital needs. Building upon the strength of its founding shareholders, The Carlyle Group and the investors in the private equity unit of the Pictet Group, Athena Art Finance specializes in lending solutions that are secured by fine art collections. Athena has been a lead sponsor of The Armory Show since 2015, and its support of the Presents Booth Prize is an expression of its commitment to emerging galleries and the art community at large.

Presents

Presents is a platform for galleries no more than ten years old to showcase recent work from emerging artists. Solo-artist and dual-artist presentations spotlight the next generation of artistic talents, which visitors can discover in this in-depth and intimate setting. The Presents Advisory Panel was established in 2016 to oversee and guide the direction of this growing section of the fair. Panel members are: Augusto Arbizo, 11R, New York; Philippe Charpentier, mor charpentier, Paris; Mariane Ibrahim, Mariane Ibrahim Gallery, Seattle; and Jessica Silverman, Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco

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