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THE ARMORY SHOW AND ATHENA ART FINANCE ANNOUNCE CHARLIE JAMES GALLERY AS THE WINNER OF THE THIRD ANNUAL \$10,000 PRESENTS BOOTH PRIZE

Jurors Dan Byers, Gregory Miller, Jarl Mohn, and Valerie Cassel Oliver, Selected the Winning Gallery

The Armory Show and Athena Art Finance Corp. are pleased to announce first-time exhibitor **Charlie James Gallery** (Los Angeles) as the winner of the third annual Presents Booth Prize. Supported for the third consecutive year 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 jury awarded Charlie James Gallery a \$10,000 prize for its exemplary presentation of works by **Sadie Barnette**, which incorporate subculture codes and found objects to present speculative fictions with the FBI files of their father, Rodney Barnette, founder of the Compton, CA, chapter of the Black Panther Party.

The jury for the 2019 Presents Booth Prize included: **Dan Byers**, Director of the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts at Harvard University; **Gregory Miller**, President of the Board of Directors at White Columns and collector of conceptual art; **Jarl Mohn**, collector and Chief Executive Officer of National Public Radio; and **Valerie Cassel Oliver**, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Presents is a platform for galleries no more than ten years old to showcase recent work fresh from the artist's studio. Solo-artist and dual-artist presentations spotlight the next generation of artistic talents, which visitors can discover in this in-depth and intimate setting.

"Sadie and I take the opportunity to exhibit at The Armory Show very seriously, and I hope that the thought and investment we both put into the booth reflects that," states Charlie James, Owner, Charlie James Gallery. "We're so grateful to Athena and their peers for recognizing us, especially as first time exhibitors."

"Athena is delighted to congratulate Charlie James Gallery as the recipient of the third annual Presents Booth Prize," expressed **Naomi Baigell**, Managing Director, Athena Art Finance. "The competition for this Prize showcases so many significant young galleries and their talented artists who are worthy of recognition and support. Each year, exhibitors in this category task our respected panel of jurors to choose only one among many esteemed entrants in the market. Charlie James Gallery has demonstrated the inspiration and inventiveness this year, to follow past winners, blank projects (2018) and Mariane Ibrahim Gallery (2017), and to carry the torch for future recipients."

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 90, 92, and 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.

Important Information for Media

VIP Preview (by invitation only)

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Public Days

Thursday, March 7 - Sunday, March 10, 2019

Images and Information

[Download images of the Presents Booth Prize winner.](#)

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