SFMOMA’S 2019 ART BASH FUNDRAISER ENLIVENS ENTIRE MUSEUM ON MAY 22

Unique Activations from Artists JR, Tauba Auerbach, Nick Cave and Stephen ESPO Powers for Museum’s One-Night-Only Benefit

Riveting Live Music from A-Trak, Luna, Thao & The Get Down Stay Down and More

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (March 12, 2019)–The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) announces that Art Bash, its art-filled biennial fundraiser, will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. With seven floors of modern and contemporary art installations and performances, Art Bash is an exciting one-night-only experience that benefits SFMOMA’s vibrant exhibition and education programs, which affirm the significance of art with the goal to be accessible and meaningful to the broadest possible audience.

The two-part fundraising evening of art experiences throughout the museum will include an exquisite dinner with tablescapes by artist Tauba Auerbach, followed by a lively museum-wide party featuring activations by artists JR, Nick Cave and Stephen ESPO Powers, as well as special music performances by A-Trak, Luna, Thao & The Get Down Stay Down and more.
THE DINNER

Dinner guests will kick off the evening at 6 p.m. with an artful cocktail hour in SFMOMA’s street-level Roberts Family Gallery, surrounded by JR’s monumental digital mural *The Chronicles of San Francisco*. At 7 p.m. dinner guests, including celebrated artists and art world leaders, will ascend the museum’s Roman Steps to Helen and Charles Schwab Hall for a delectable vegetarian dinner experience featuring tablescapes by artist Tauba Auerbach, who will be the subject of a major survey exhibition at SFMOMA next spring.

THE PARTY

Following the dinner, the entire museum will open to dinner and party guests from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. for revelry throughout the building. Guests will enjoy outstanding music, live art-making and all you can eat and drink. Highlights of the party will include:

Floor 1

EXHIBITION OPENING AND PORTRAIT-MAKING

*JR: The Chronicles of San Francisco* and *Inside Out*
Art Bash will mark the debut of *The Chronicles of San Francisco*, the extraordinary digital mural by French photographer and artist JR depicting a cross-section of daily life for over 1,200 people in San Francisco. JR will also activate *Inside Out: The People’s Art Project* in the outdoor Howard Street corridor by taking portraits of guests in his mobile studio and immediately pasting the images onto a nearby wall, offering partygoers the exciting opportunity to participate in one of the artist’s unique installations. Over the course of the evening, the wall will transform into a temporary one-of-a-kind mural of Art Bash attendees.

ART EXPERIENCE

**Nick Cave**
Renowned performance and multimedia artist Nick Cave will activate the atrium with a glowing LED art floor and Soundsuit Invasions. Throughout the evening, 10 dancers in Cave’s elaborate and whimsical Soundsuits will take to the floor.

PERFORMANCE

**DJ D Sharp**
The official DJ of the reigning NBA champions the Golden State Warriors, DJ D Sharp will spin irresistible beats in the entrance at Minna Street.

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**A-Trak**
The party will culminate in the soaring atrium with an unforgettable performance by Canadian DJ A-Trak. Named one of the 50 most important people in electronic dance music by *Rolling Stone*, A-Trak has toured with Kanye West and worked with Kid Cudi, Danny Brown and Flosstradamus, among other musicians.

**Floor 2**

EXHIBITIONS

*Open Ended: Painting and Sculpture, 1900 to Now*
*Mythos, Psyche, Eros: Jess and California*

**Floor 3**
ART EXPERIENCE

**Art Bar by Stephen ESPO Powers**
On the third floor, guests will enjoy festive cocktails at an Art Bar created by Brooklyn- and Philadelphia-based artist [Stephen ESPO Powers](#). The outdoor bar will be in front of Living Wall on the sculpture terrace near Powers’s exhibition in the Architecture + Design gallery. Powers’s site-specific commission, *Daymaker*, will bring his energetic layering of sign painting, contemporary iconographies and typographic musings to SFMOMA.

EXHIBITIONS

*snap+share: transmitting photographs from mail art to social networks*
*Stephen Powers: Daymaker*
*Louis Stettner: Traveling Light*
*Johannes Brus*
*Elemental Calder*

**Floor 4**

**WARHOL EXPERIENCE**

**The Silver Factory featuring Luna and DJ Kelley Stoltz**
In celebration of the major retrospective *Andy Warhol—From A to B and Back Again*, the fourth-floor White Box will be transformed into The Silver Factory inspired by Warhol's New York studio and presented by Bank of America. Guests will party like famous artists with Warhol film screenings and intimate performances by the indie pop band *[Luna](#)* and DJ Kelley Stoltz. Luna band members Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips have been closely involved with The Andy Warhol Museum over the past 15 years, including through the performance commissions *13 Most Beautiful: Songs for Andy Warhol’s Screen Tests* and *Exposed: Songs for Unseen Warhol Films*.

EXHIBITIONS

*Andy Warhol—From A to B and Back Again*
*New Work: Rodney McMillian*
*Approaching American Abstraction*

**Floor 5**
EXPERIENCE

The California Experience featuring Thao & The Get Down Stay Down and DJ Lady Ryan
San Francisco–based alternative folk rock band Thao & The Get Down Stay Down and DJ Lady Ryan will perform in the pavilion and outdoor sculpture garden.

EXHIBITIONS
Louise Bourgeois Spiders
Pop, Minimal, and Figurative Art

Floor 6

EXHIBITION
German Art after 1960

Floor 7

EXHIBITIONS
Suzanne Lacy: We Are Here
Pat O’Neill: Three Answers

THE AUCTION

SFMOMA has partnered with Artsy for an exclusive online auction to raise funds to support education and exhibition programs. Highlights include prints by the artist JR, a work by Rosana Castrillo Díaz and Herman Miller Magis Spun Chairs. The auction will launch in early May and close on May 24, two days following the event.

TICKETS + INFORMATION

Benefit tickets for the dinner and party are $3,500 per guest; benefit tickets for the party are $250 per guest. All tickets may be purchased at sfmoma.org/art-bash. The dress code for the evening is “artsy chic.”

All guests must be 21 years old or older to attend; valid photo ID is required for admission. A portion of all ticket sales is tax deductible.

ART BASH HOST COMMITTEE

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Komal Shah and Gaurav Garg
John and Ali Walecka

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