

WORKS FROM LEADING CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS FROM AFRICA AND ITS DIASPORA IN ZEITZ MOCAA BENEFIT AUCTION

Cape Town (16 November 2018) – A selection of exciting works from leading contemporary artists from Africa and its diaspora will be up for auction at Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA). Held in partnership with Strauss & Co, the much-anticipated live auction will take place at the museum on Saturday 1 December 2018.

The auction will feature 28 lots, by 23 artists, from 10 countries, including William Kentridge, Nicholas Hlobo and Yinka Shonibare.

“We are incredibly thankful to the artists and galleries that have donated these significant works to us and made this auction possible. We are so grateful for their generosity, as we know they are continually asked to give to so many worthwhile causes – and yet they continue to be supportive of the museum, time and time again. These artists are an inspiration to future generations of creatives, and this museum is very much a place that encourages and celebrates them,” said Brooke Minto, Director of Institutional Advancement at Zeitz MOCAA.

“With critical support from artists, collectors, and patrons alike, we can shape the museum’s future programming and ensure that Zeitz MOCAA has a deep and sustained impact on our community at large.”

Funds raised from the benefit auction will allow the museum to continue its community outreach efforts through the Centre for Art Education, underscoring its commitment to Access for All which remains central to the mission of Zeitz MOCAA.

The auction will be held in the museum’s award-winning grain silos, expertly-guided by Strauss & Co, who have waived all auction commissions, and are providing their advice and expertise as early and sustained corporate partners of the museum.

“Strauss & Co strongly believes in the importance and relevance of Zeitz MOCAA. We are delighted to have the opportunity to use our brand and expertise to assist in raising funds for the laudable goal of art education, something we are deeply committed to,” commented Frank Kilbourn, Executive Chairperson at Strauss & Co.

Interested parties can register for telephone bidding, [view the catalogue](#) or find out more information, by visiting www.straussart.co.za.

The full list of artists who will be featured in the auction is as follows:

Igshaan Adams
Peju Alatise
Wayne Barker
Deborah Bell
Patrick Bongoy
Jeanne Gaigher
Naomi Wanjiku Gakunga
Kate Gottgens
Nicholas Hlobo
Cyrus Kabiru
Peterson Kamwathi
William Kentridge

Gonçalo Mabunda
Wallen Mapondera
Mongezi Ncaphayi
Blessing Ngobeni
Nnenna Okore
Thania Petersen
Cameron Platter
Yinka Shonibare
Hank Willis Thomas
Barthélémy Toguo
Frohawk Two Feathers

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About the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA)

Zeitz MOCAA is a public not-for-profit contemporary art museum that collects, preserves, researches and exhibits 21st-century art from Africa and its diaspora; hosts international exhibitions; develops supporting educational and enrichment programmes; encourages intercultural understanding; and guarantees access for all.

More than one hundred galleries are dedicated to a large cutting-edge permanent collection; temporary exhibitions; and Centres for Art Education, Curatorial Training, Performative Practice, Photography, the Moving Image, and the Costume Institute.

Zeitz MOCAA was established through a partnership between the V&A Waterfront led by CEO David Green—acting on behalf of Growthpoint Properties Limited and the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), represented by the Public Investment Corporation Limited (PIC)—and collector Jochen Zeitz. The building was reimagined through a design by the acclaimed London-based Heatherwick Studio.

The Zeitz MOCAA Board of Advisors consists of David Green and Jochen Zeitz (Co-chairs), Isaac Julien and Wangechi Mutu (Artist Board Members), Suzanne Berman-Ackerman, Jody Allen, Jonathan Bloch, Kate Garwood, Pulane Kingston, Gasant Orrie, Albie Sachs, Anton Taljaard and Roger Ross Williams.

About Strauss & Co:

Strauss & Co is South Africa's leading auction house and the global leader for South African art. It was founded in 2009 by a consortium of business leaders and industry experts, including the late

auctioneer Stephan Welz, Elisabeth Bradley, Dr Conrad Strauss, Vanessa Phillips, Ann Palmer and Bina Genovese. Frank Kilbourn, a respected entrepreneur, philanthropist and art collector, was appointed Executive Chairperson in 2016.

Strauss & Co has the highest market share amongst the four leading auction houses specialising in South African art globally. In 2017 the company's turnover totalled R329 million – a sum unrivalled by any auction house dealing in South African art in a single year. Strauss & Co annually holds five live auctions, three in Cape Town and two in Johannesburg, and up to eight online-only auctions.

Strauss & Co was awarded the prestigious Chairman's Premier Award at the 2018 annual BASA Awards for its sustained and extraordinary commitment to the arts in South Africa.

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