

Collectors Show / SPRING 2017  
4th edition (Grand Rapids, Michigan)

## ARTPRIZE AND SECOND AVE ARTS CONTINUE TO FORGE ARTIST-COLLECTOR RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH SPRING EXHIBITION

ArtPrize, the radically open international art competition, in partnership with Second Ave Arts presents Collectors Show / SPRING 2017 - an exhibition to forge artist-collector relationships through a three-day showing at the ArtPrize HUB (41 Sheldon Blvd SE) downtown Grand Rapids. The artwork on display consists of eighty contemporary artists, including sixty past and present ArtPrize artists that are shown along side some of the most famous and influential artists of the last 200 years, curated by New York-based artist and creator of the Collectors Show, Tyler Loftis.

Work will be on display and available for purchase, with 20% of the proceeds directly supporting Arts Education programming at ArtPrize 2017. All artwork will be priced at a guaranteed reduced pricing from certified (or established gallery) pricing.

The special featured artists include Eugene Delacroix (1798-1863), Hans Hofmann (1880-1966), Phillip Pearlstein (b. 1924), Robert De Niro, Sr (1922-1993), Alex Katz (b. 1927), Paul Resika (b. 1928), Lois Dodd (b. 1927), and Louisa Matthiasdottir (1917-2000).

- Delacroix is a major art historical figure from France, with paintings in every major museum worldwide.
- Hans Hofmann is known for bringing the tradition of European painting to the United States, and for influencing and teaching what became the Abstract Expressionist painters in New York.
- Pearlstein, a highly celebrated painter, known for his nude figures and abstract configurations, first arrived to New York City in the 1940's with his friend and roommate Andy Warhol. He is regarded as one of the most influential figure painters of our time, with work in over 70 public museums.
- De Niro Sr was a friend and contemporary of Jackson Pollock and Willem DeKooning, and was recently featured in the documentary "Remembering the Artist" by his son, the actor Robert De Niro.

Collectors Show / SPRING will kick off on March 2 with a VIP Preview, opening to the public on the evening of March 3. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. EST with a reception and cash bar until 10pm. The exhibition will also be open to the public on Saturday March 4th from Noon-8:00 p.m. EST. Contact Mike Coleman at [mike@secondavearts.com](mailto:mike@secondavearts.com) for off hours and Sunday March 5th appointments.

"Showing work by such world-renowned masters as Delacroix on the same wall as someone who is just beginning their career, is an effort to break down conceptual barriers, and to highlight the connections and quality in all art regardless of level of accomplishment or environment. I think promoting this kind of accessibility is an idea that works especially well here in the Midwest."

- Tyler Loftis, a painter based in New York, who is a Grand Haven, Michigan, native and creator of the Collectors Show.