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**Vancouver Art Gallery's Major Art Auction
to be Held on Saturday, April 9, 2016**

Featuring artworks by Dana Claxton, Rodney Graham, Jeff Wall and more



March 24, 2016, Vancouver, BC – The Vancouver Art Gallery is pleased to announce that its biannual art auction and most significant charitable event, **Art Auction 2016**, will take place on the evening of Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver.

Co-chaired by Bruce Munro Wright, Past Chair of the Gallery's Board of Trustees, and Hank Bull, Trustee, this event will offer patrons an exclusive evening bringing together valued art collectors, artists and donors. In support of the Gallery's ever-growing exhibitions and educational programs, and to celebrate the Gallery's 85th anniversary, Art Auction 2016 hopes to raise \$1 million dollars at the event.

Through the tremendous generosity of distinguished artists, private galleries and collectors from around the world, nearly 70 outstanding artworks have been donated to this major fundraising endeavour, ranging from paintings, photography, prints, sculptures and multimedia works. Artworks that hold the highest value come from renowned artists such as Rodney Graham, Jeff Wall, Dana Claxton and Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun.

Other artists featured in Art Auction 2016 include: Fiona Ackerman, Sean Alward, Sonny Assu, Roy Arden, Raymond Boisjoly, Jim Breukelman, Rebecca Brewer, Alexander Caldwell, Arabella Campbell, Dana Claxton, Carlos Colin, Andrew Dadson, Robert Davidson, Christos Dikeakos, Alano Edzerza, Gathie Falk, Ann Goldberg, Rodney Graham, Angela Grossmann, Fred Herzog, Colleen Heslin, Mark Lewis, Glenn Lewis, Jianhua Liu, Attila Richard Lukacs, Landon Mackenzie, Myfanwy Macleod, Liz Magor, Sanaz Mazinani, Scott McFarland, Eric Metcalfe, Damian Moppett, Jeneen Frei Njootli, Ryan Peter, Quach Dong Phuong, Andrea Pinheiro, Kevin Schmidt, Jack Shadbolt, Evann Siebens, Gordon Smith, Ed Spence, Patryk Stasieczek, Allan Switzer, Jonathan Syme, Brendan Tang, Ron Terada, Howard Ursuliak, Renée Van Halm, Stephen Waddell, Phil Wagner, Jeff Wall, Wallpapers, Tiande Wang, Michael Wesik, Paul Wong, Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, Enli Zhang and Elizabeth Zvonar.

Art Auction 2016 will also feature fine dining provided by Fairmont Pacific Rim and prepared by Chef Nathan Brown.

Auction Catalogue: artgalleryauction.ca | For ticket information, please call 604-662-4747.

Images: (left to right)

Dana Claxton, *Cultural Belongings*, 2015

LED fire-box with transmounted Lightjet Duratrans, 68 ½" x 96 ½", Edition 1 of 3

Donated by the Artist, Estimated Value: \$70,000

Rodney Graham, *Cylindro-chromatic Abstraction Construction (27)*, 2016

acrylic polymer on wood, 38 ½" x 28 ¾" x 7 ½"

Donated by the Artist, Estimated Value: \$70,000

Preferred Wine

Event Partners:

Partner:



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Images are available upon request.

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About the **Vancouver Art Gallery** : The Vancouver Art Gallery is a not-for-profit organization supported by its members, individual donors, corporate funders, foundations, the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia through the BC Arts Council, and the Canada Council for the Arts. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity.