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Community Supported Art Returns for a Celebratory 5th Year

The 9 artists offered this season are selected from previous years

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – Springboard for the Arts and mnartists.org celebrate the launch of the 5th year of Community Supported Art (CSA) in the Twin Cities with a new crop of 9 excellent artists selected from previous seasons.

Shares go on sale at 10AM on Wednesday, 28 May 2014 for \$350. There will be a pickup party for shareholders and community members at Bedlam Lowertown on Thursday, 28 August 2014. Shareholders will also have the opportunity to participate in a summer filled with special studio visits and gatherings leading up the pickup event.

Initially launched in the summer of 2010, Community Supported Art connects artists to a community of engaged local arts supporters. Inspired by the Community Supported Agriculture model of investing in local food, Community Supported Art commissions 9 different artists (or collaborations) to create an edition of 50 pieces of art, which are then sold to 50 shareholders. Pickup events are an opportunity for the artists and buyers to connect, and to celebrate local art.

Over the past 5 years, CSA in the Twin Cities has featured the work of 59 artists and sold shares to over 300 buyers. Additionally, Springboard for the Arts created a toolkit to help CSA to be adapted and replicated in other communities. The toolkit has been used in over 45 communities across the US and abroad. In 2013, the New York Times featured CSA for “helping emerging artists and attracting people who are interested in art but feel they have neither the means nor the connections to collect it.”

This anniversary season of CSA contains the work of 9 artists previously featured and well-loved by shareholders. The artists are: painter Jennifer Davis (Season 1), painter Alex Kuno (Season 2), fabric artist Nou Ka Yang (Season 3), sculptor Aaron Dysart (Season 2), a collaboration between writer John Jodzio and painter Laura Andrews (Season 2), printmaker Amy Rice (Season 1), multimedia artist Kao Lee Thao (Season 2), ceramicist Ginny Sims (Season 5) and sculptor Karl Unnasch (Season 1).

AT A GLANCE

What: 5th year of Community Supported Art, 50 shares of art, each share with works from 9 local artists

When: Shares go on sale at 10AM on Wednesday, May 28. Pickup event at Bedlam Lowertown on Thursday, August 28. Additional special opportunities for studio visits and gatherings TBA.

How much: \$350 per CSA share.

Purchase site: <http://springboardforthearts.org/community-supported-art-csa/buy-share/>

CSA site: <http://springboardforthearts.org/community-supported-art-csa/>

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About Springboard for the Arts

Springboard for the Arts is an economic and community development organization based in St. Paul and Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Springboard for the Arts' mission is to cultivate vibrant communities by connecting artists with the skills, information, and services they need to make a living and a life. Our work is about building stronger communities, neighborhoods, and economies, and supporting artists as a vital part in that work. Springboard programs include Artists Access to Healthcare, Professional Development, an Artist Resource Center, Minnesota Lawyers for the Arts, Irrigate Creative placemaking, and Creative Exchange, a new storytelling and resource sharing platform created in collaboration with the Knight Foundation and Urban Innovation Exchange. For more information, visit our website at www.springboardforthearts.org.

About mnartists.org

A program of the Walker Art Center, mnartists.org is dedicated to improving the quality of art, artists and art-centered dialogue from the Midwest into a relevant national conversation, through a dynamic online community, responsive arts writing and criticism, and creating access to, and connections with, collaborators, influencers and the public. mnartists.org is made possible by generous support by the McKnight Foundation.