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Bridgette Mayer Gallery Announces Converge:

9th Benefit Exhibition, Supporting HelpUsAdopt.org and the Dina Wind Art Foundation

Philadelphia, PA – April 23, 2024. Bridgette Mayer Gallery is proud to announce the return of its Benefit Exhibition this summer with *Converge*, on view from Tuesday, June 11 to Saturday, August 3 at Bridgette Mayer Gallery. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Gallery Owner Bridgette Mayer has been curating and hosting Benefit Exhibitions biannually since 2007 as an opportunity to showcase more artists and give back to nonprofits in the Philadelphia community through art. This 9th Benefit Exhibition will be in support of two local nonprofit organizations. HelpUsAdopt.org is a New Yorkbased, national financial grant program that helps families with the cost of adoptions. The Dina Wind Art Foundation is a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that helps to create opportunities for women artists.

Converge will be the largest Benefit Exhibition yet, with almost 300 artists curated from around the world. The title evokes feelings of confluence, uniting people through art, and coming together for two special community causes. Selected artists work in a variety of different media – including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography, and fiber art. Each artist will present their work as a 10×10 -inch or a 24×24 -inch panel piece, keeping with the tradition of previous Benefits. Panels will be available for \$500 for a 10×10 -inch panel and \$1,000 for a 24×24 -inch panel, and a portion of proceeds from the exhibition will go directly to HelpUsAdopt.org and the Dina Wind Art Foundation. The Benefit Exhibition provides a rare opportunity for collectors to purchase work by their favorite artist at a fixed price, discover and collect new artists, and give back to the community through our nonprofit partners.

This year, the Gallery is also thrilled to welcome Dr. Brittany Webb, the Evelyn and Will Kaplan Curator of Twentieth Century Art and the John Rhoden Collection at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, as our esteemed juror. Dr. Webb will award five prizes to participating artists, including a Vault project exhibition at Bridgette Mayer Gallery as the first prize. Award-winners will be announced at the opening event on Thursday, June 13.

Would you like a First Preview of the Exhibition? Kindly email <u>jcarita@bmayerart.com</u> for additional information.

Exhibition information: *Converge* will be on view at the Bridgette Mayer Gallery from Tuesday, June 11 to Saturday, August 3, 2024. Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will an opening reception on Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

Gallery information: Bridgette Mayer Gallery is free and open to the public. We are located at 709 Walnut Street, 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.

About HelpUsAdopt.org:

Helpusadopt.org is a national 501(c)(3) financial grant program that helps couples/individuals (regardless of ethnicity, gender, marital status, race, religion, or sexual orientation) with the cost of their adoptions by awarding grants up to \$20,000. We support domestic, international and foster care adoptions and do not charge our applicants to apply. Since 2007, we have awarded 715 adoption grants totaling over \$6.8 million.

About Dina Wind Art Foundation:

Dina Wind (1938-2014) was a trailblazing artist and arts advocate whose bold, abstract sculptures challenged stereotypes and embraced sustainability. Inspired by her legacy, the Dina Wind Art Foundation empowers women artists, builds community, and supports arts education.

About Bridgette Mayer Gallery:

Since its establishment in 2001, the Bridgette Mayer Gallery has represented and exhibited artists whose work displays the variety and genius of contemporary art now being created in the US. The gallery represents artists working in painting, sculpture and photography with an emphasis on innovative process and content-driven ideas that speak to beauty, technology, culture and the contemporary landscape. With a public gallery located at 709 Walnut Street in Philadelphia and an art advisory firm based in Philadelphia and Orlando, Bridgette Mayer is a leader in the Philadelphia arts community, actively partnering with local organizations to support fundraising initiatives and generating opportunities for artists to engage with the public.

Participating Artists:

Carrie I Palmer Erika Hillefeld Jenny Brown Aaron Kalinay Abbe Resnick Catherine Kuzma Erin Elman Jenny Walton Erin Gleason Abbey Stace Charley Edelman Jessica Demcsak Adina Segal Chervl Elmo Erin McIntosh Jessica Puma Cheryl Patton Wu Erin Ryan Stelling Jill Haas Adrian Hatfield Agnes Gummere Cheryl Rubin Francis Beaty Jillian Zepeda Ai Sogawa Campbell Chloe McEldowney Fred Fleisher Jim Inzero Alan Lankin Christina Foard Gloria Klaiman Jo Margolis Albert Ciervo Christine Walinski **Gregory Brellochs** Joe Castle Alexis Phillips Clara Berta Gretchen Durst Jacobs John Cox Alison Kruvant CM Judge Harvey Bayliss John Nazarewycz Allegra Bick-Maurischat Colleen Hammond Heather Jones John Romi Constance McBride Heather Robinson John Tallman Allen Bentley John Y. Wind Alma Ramirez **Craig Stover** Heidi Lowell Amy Leah Wolf Dafna Steinberg Henken Bean Jon Bandish **Amy Smith** Damini Celebre Herbie Hickmott Jon Poblador Andrea Sauchelli Holly Wong Jonathan Laidacker Dana Hargrove Andrew Chalfen Daniel DeLuna Hratch Babikian Joni Woods Angela Warren Daniel Goodman **Ingrid Spangler** Jose R. Urbina Injoo Whang Ann Cofta Daniel Oliva Joseph McAleer Anna Kell Dawn Waters Baker Ira Upin Joy Broom Annaliese Jakimides Deborah T. Colter J. Myszka Lewis Joyce Fillip Anne Seidman Demetra Tassiou Panidis Jacob Lunderby Julia Anthony Annette Monnier Denise Dmochowski Jacqueline Unanue Julianna Foster Jaimee Schwartz Julie Goldstein Arda Ergin Derek Avres Julie Zahn **Ariel Williams** Dganit Zauberman James Dupree Audrey Tulimiero Welch Diana Jean Puglisi James E. George, MD, JD Juliette Watts Beniamin Weaver Diane Deerv James Oliver Julio Galvez Beth Uzwiak Diane Micklin Jamie F. Brunson Justin Bursk Justine Giordano Beverly Gattorna Dina Wind (1938-2014) Jamie Kovacs Bonnie MacAllister Dolores Poacelli Jamie Powell Kaoru Mansour Bonnie McCuen Magwaza Donna Quinn Jane Runyeon Karen Hunter McLaughlin Bria Edwards Dori Spector Jason Symonette Karen McCool **Brooke Steytler** Jason Woodside Karen Mosbacher **Douglas Witmer** Cara Enteles Duwenave Sante Johnson Jean Plough Kari Souders Elizabeth Carol Winchester Carla Taylor Jenna Hannum Kate Stewart Jennifer Bain Carolyn Hesse Ellen M. Rosenholtz Kathleen Greco Jennifer Small Carrie Elston Ellen Soffer Kathleen Studebaker

Paula Cahill

Simon Ha

Mark Stockton

Kathy Lister

Katie Tackman Mary Zeran Philippe Halaburda Stefanie Schulte Kayte Terry Maryanne Pollock Pierre Trombert Stella Untalan Prince De León Kelly Kozma Matthew Cronin Stephanie Bursese Kelsey Marie Gavin Mo Gerngross Qrckv Suji Kanneganti Kenny White Rachel L. Cecelski Meg Wolensky Sunny Hsu Keshawna Logan Megan Maher Rachel Morrissey Susan Hogan Kim Carlino Raisa Ambros Susan Leshnoff Meghan Cox Kimberlee Rocca Melanie Kozol Ray Beldner Tara Barr Kirby Fredendall Mia Fabrizio Rebecca Jacob Taylor Pate Michael Ryan Rebecca Ledbetter **Taylor Pilote** Kristina Bivona Lauren E. Peters Michael Sikorski Rebecca Rutstein Terri Fridkin Lauren Johnson Michele Kishita Rhonda Babb Terri Saulin **THECOLORG** Lauren Whearty Michelle Lander Feinberg Rita Siemienski Smith Laurie Tennent Michelle Schwengel-Regala RitaMarie Cimini Tim McFarlane Lee Muslin Robert Michael Solomon Timothy Gierschick II Mike Geno Roberta Tucci Libby Sipe Mikey Kelly Todd K. Fox Linda McNamara Miriam Singer Robin Adsit Tracey Luckner Linnea Paskow Mo Ganey Robin Maria Pedrero Tracy Brown Lisa Baird Natalie Harrison Rvan Cobourn **Trevor Thomas** Lisa Pressman Natalie Hope McDonald Sandra Koberlein Tyler Kline Liz Jonghyun Kown Ners Neonlumberiack Sarah Helen More Valerie Allen Victoria Veedell Lyn Godley Saurabh Oza Nicholas Megalis Marcelino Stuhmer Nigel Sense Sharmyn Ali Violet Alexandre Marcy Chevali Nina Yocom Sharon Bloomfield Hicks Vivian Wolovitz Wendee Yudis Margaret Ploener Noa Charuvi Shaun Kardinal Margo Ray Pamela Mijal Sheilagh Casey Wendy Raskas Greenberg Sheldon Greenberg Yael Dresdner Marguerita Hagan Pat Brentano Ellen Starr Lyon Jennifer Chernak Katharine Dufualt Yvonne Love

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Patricia B. Ingersoll

Patrick Schmidt

Patricia Moss Vreeland

Maria Morabito

Maria Schneider

Mark Partridge

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Sheryl Aronow

Silas McDonough