

Heffel and BAF bring together contemporary artists and emerging collectors

VANCOUVER, September 20, 2018—[Heffel Fine Art Auction House](#) is pleased to share news of an exciting partnership this fall. Heffel and the Burrard Arts Foundation (BAF) have collaborated to host *Artists Supporting Artists | Heffel x BAF*, a unique auction featuring 26 works by exceptional contemporary artists. Beginning October 3, 2018, collectors will have the opportunity to bid through Heffel's online auction platform on the works, and a large portion of the sale proceeds will benefit BAF's outstanding programming.

For the past five years, BAF has been working to promote the development of, and excellence in, the visual arts in Canada. Through innovative projects and programming, BAF seeks to advance the understanding and appreciation of the arts in Vancouver by showcasing exciting work by emerging contemporary artists in ways that are within the public's grasp.

"This is a wonderful way for emerging and experienced collectors to engage with contemporary artists while supporting a great organization," said Lauren Kratzer, Director of Online Auctions at Heffel Fine Art Auction House. "The sale has been expertly curated by BAF, and we are very excited to bring forward such an impressive grouping to our growing audience."

The Heffel x BAF auction will be the first event held in BAF's brand new premises at 258 East 1st Avenue. This move represents an exciting new development for BAF as an organization, allowing more artists than ever before to benefit from their programming. In addition to a much improved exhibition space, the new location will include two artists' studios instead of one, allowing BAF to welcome eight, rather than four, artists yearly into their ten-week Residency Program. By providing key resources such as studio space, equipment, supplies and financial support, the program is intended to nurture creative inspiration, allowing artists to produce work free of constraints and outside their usual environment.

Artists Featured in the Heffel x BAF Auction

- Eric Metcalfe
- Randy Grskovic
- Robert Russell
- Kim Kennedy Austin
- Colleen Heslin
- Ed Spence
- Joseph Staples
- Brendan Tang
- Shawn Hunt
- Ben Skinner
- Scott Sueme
- Angus Ferguson
- Andrew Kent
- Les Ramsey
- Tyler Toews
- Fiona Ackerman
- Emily Neufeld

- Scott Massy
- Annie Briard
- Erin Siddall
- Janet Echelman
- Michael Batty
- James Nizam
- Tom Hsu

Artists Supporting Artists | Heffel x BAF Auction Schedule

To give interested buyers an opportunity to view these works, the collection will be previewed in Vancouver leading up to the auction:

- **BAF (Unit 2, 258 East 1st Avenue):** Wednesday October 3 to Wednesday, October 10, 12 – 5 p.m. (Closed Monday, October 8)
 - **Opening Reception:** Wednesday, October 3, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (open to the public)
- **Heffel Vancouver (2247 Granville St., Vancouver):** Thursday, October 11 to Wednesday, October 17 (Closed Sunday, October 14)

The online auction will take place on the [Heffel website](http://www.heffel.com) beginning on Wednesday, October 3. Bidding will close on Wednesday, October 17.

For details on the previews and auction, and to access the online catalogue, please visit www.heffel.com.

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