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**THE MCA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL PREVIEW OF EXPO CHICAGO, VERNISSAGE,
WELCOMES MORE THAN 8,000 PEOPLE TO NAVY PIER**

EXPO CHICAGO's Opening Night Benefit, Hosted by MCA Chicago
Women's Board, Raises \$300,000



(Chicago, IL) **EXPO CHICAGO**, The International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art, opened its seventh edition to more than 8,000 people for **Vernissage**, the opening night event benefiting the **Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Chicago**. A vast crowd of the city's business, civic and cultural leaders, as well as artists, collectors and art enthusiasts filled Navy Pier's Festival Hall Thursday, September 27 as they were treated to a special preview of more than 135 of the world's leading galleries from 27 countries and 63 cities.

Notable guests included **Richard Armstrong, Marlene Breslow-Blitstein and Berle Blitstein, Maria Brito, Susan and Michael Canmann, Ellen-Blair Chube, Eileen and Michael Cohen, Erica Edwards, Elissa Efroymsen and Adnaan Hamid, Lois and Steve Eisen, Dr. Julius Few, Larry and Marilyn Fields, Lori and Howard Friend, Helyn Goldenberg, Doug and Mary Clare Gourley, King Harris, Gretchen and Jay Jordan, Anne L. Kaplan, Susie Karkomi and Marvin Leavitt, Sally Meyers Kovler and Jonathan Kovler, Liz and Eric Lefkofsky, Carol and Larry Levy, Jennifer and Alec Litowitz, Angela Lustig and Dale Taylor, Karen and Stephen Malkin, Kate McQueeny and Jack Franaszek, Carol Prins and John Hart, Susie Rashid, Connor Remes, Peter Remes, Cari and Michael Sacks, Erica Samuels, William N. Sick and William Silverstein**, among others.

This splendid celebration, co-chaired by MCA Women's Board members **Marcia Fraerman and Cathy Ross**, with support from MCA Women's Board President **Ellen Wallace**, began with the Patron Reception at 5 p.m. in the Northern Trust Anchor Lounge. The reception featured refreshments by some of Chicago's top restaurants and food providers including: 20E, Benihana, Big Star, Chicago Raw, Eli's Cheesecake, Goodies, Marisol, Nude Dude Food, Riva Crab House, Tanta, The Windsor, BuzzBox, Essentia, Foodstuffs, RX Bar, Skinny Pop and Sunset Foods. Featured beverage sponsors included Terrazas de los Andes and Pipeworks Brewing.

At 6 p.m. President | Director of EXPO CHICAGO **Tony Karman** took a moment to thank the crowd for their incredible support for the seventh edition of the exposition. He then called on Northern Trust Wealth Management Executive Vice President **Mac MacLellan** to speak to the dynamic partnership between Northern Trust, EXPO CHICAGO and MCA Chicago.

"We are honored to have partnered with EXPO CHICAGO since its inception seven years ago, and to be the Presenting Sponsor for the sixth year in a row. As the only United States-based

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financial services firm to sponsor an art fair of this scale and stature, we are so pleased to see how far this partnership has come," said MacLellan. "Thanks to Tony and his team, Chicago is again a top destination on the global art circuit — and to the Museum of Contemporary Art and the MCA Women's Board, thank you for another incredible Vernissage, a celebration that has become the social event of the year," he continued.

Karman then introduced Navy Pier's Chief Program and Civic Engagement Officer **Michelle T. Boone**, who welcomed everyone to Navy Pier, stating, "Navy Pier is so proud to partner with EXPO CHICAGO for its seventh edition. It is really wonderful to see how this exposition brings the world to Chicago, and also to Navy Pier. It has been an integral part of our transformation in cementing Navy Pier as not just a historic attraction, but also a new cultural travel destination."

Karman welcomed to the stage MCA Chicago's Pritzker Director **Madeleine Grynsztejn** and Northern Trust CEO and MCA Chicago Board of Trustees Chair **Mike O'Grady**. Grynsztejn shared, "Tonight has reminded me that this city, more than any other, is one about cooperation, collaboration and having art, great minds and great hearts at the center of everything we do. This is an ecosystem, and beyond these walls is an incredible society and community of dealers who represent great artists who have brought great work, and they rely on collectors and enthusiasts for the system to run," she continued. "Additionally, a very important component of EXPO CHICAGO and Vernissage's success year after year is our fabulous MCA Chicago Women's Board, who I really want to thank for the success of Vernissage tonight. Congratulations, we have exceeded our goal, all of which goes towards youth education through the MCA Chicago on behalf of the City of Chicago."

Northern Trust CEO and recently appointed MCA Chicago Board of Trustees Chair **Mike O'Grady** concluded the remarks, stating, "I have happily found myself privileged enough to be in the middle of this amazing collaboration that the others just mentioned—both as Northern Trust's CEO and now the chair for MCA Chicago's Board of Trustees. My wife Claire and I have a personal passion for contemporary art, so this is such a remarkable opportunity to bring all of these elements of my life together. Thank you all again, and please enjoy!"

A bottle of **Ruinart Champagne** was popped by Ruinart Champagne Business Development Manager **Meryl Muldoon**, and all gathered together for a celebratory toast before making their way onto the show floor.

About the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago is one of the nation's largest multidisciplinary museums devoted to the art of our time. With an international reputation for groundbreaking exhibitions, the MCA presents the latest in cutting-edge, contemporary culture. The MCA features leading performers from around the globe in its 300-seat theater. Located near the historic Water Tower in the heart of downtown Chicago, the MCA features exhibition spaces, the restaurant Marisol with an interior designed by artist Chris Ofili, the Commons engagement space, a gift store, and a terraced sculpture garden with a view of Lake Michigan.

About EXPO CHICAGO

EXPO CHICAGO, The International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art, is presented by Art Expositions, LLC at Navy Pier's Festival Hall, hosting more than 135 leading International exhibitors presented alongside one of the highest quality platforms for global contemporary art and culture. Entering its eighth year as a leading international art fair, EXPO CHICAGO offers diverse programming including [Dialogues](#), [IN/SITU](#), [IN/SITU Outside](#), [EXPO VIDEO](#), the [Curatorial Forum](#), the [Art Critics Forum](#), [EXPO Sound](#) and [OVERRIDE | A Billboard](#)

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Project. In addition, EXPO CHICAGO continues to publish **THE SEEN**, Chicago's International Journal of Contemporary & Modern Art. Under the leadership of President and Director **Tony Karman**, EXPO CHICAGO draws upon the city's rich history as a vibrant international cultural destination, while highlighting the region's contemporary arts community and inspiring its collector base.

EXPO CHICAGO 2019 will return September 19–22, 2019. For more information on EXPO CHICAGO and **EXPO ART WEEK** visit expo-chicago.com.

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