

(e)merge art fair

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(e)merge art fair Provides Access to DC's Accelerating Cultural Market; announces EXHIBITOR HIGHLIGHTS, CULTURAL PARTNERS, and SPONSORS

August 21, 2013 (Washington, DC) - The third edition of the (e)merge art fair will take place October 3-6, 2013 in Washington D.C. (e)merge's progressively international exhibition roster, now featuring 80 exhibitors showing works by over 150 artists from 30 countries, bolsters the US capital's rise as a global cultural destination.

(e)merge welcomes back galleries from across the US and Europe including: **NOMAD** (Brussels, Belgium), **bäckerstrasse4** (Vienna, Austria), **Vane** (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK), **Amstel Gallery** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), **Goya Contemporary** (Baltimore, USA), and **Flashpoint Gallery** (Washington, DC, USA). Among the galleries newly joining the fair are: **ROCKELMANN&** (Berlin, Germany), **metroquadro** (Rivoli, Italy), **Present Company** (Brooklyn, USA), **Julian Navarro Projects** (Long Island City, USA) and **slow** (Chicago, USA).

In 2012 (e)merge drew over 5,500 visitors and was declared "the biggest event on the calendar" for emerging artists in Washington or maybe "anywhere on the East Coast" by the **Washington City Paper**. Presenting a select mix of international galleries in tandem with vetted solo presentations by independent artists, (e)merge is the only art fair in the world that gives free exhibition space to artists without gallery representation. Selected by (e)merge's 2013 vetting committee, **Eric Shiner**, Director, **The Andy Warhol Museum**; **Molly Donovan**, Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, **The National Gallery of Art**; and Brooklyn based artist, **Shinique Smith**, the exhibition promises to inspire a new echelon of art collectors by providing curatorial access to the latest movements in emerging art.

(e)merge enjoys the support of a rapidly expanding cultural market with the economic power to create the art collections of the future. Metropolitan D.C. has the strongest economy in the U.S. (**Policom Corp.**) and boasts 7 of the 10 counties with the highest household incomes in the nation (**Washington Post/U.S. Census Bureau**). Earlier this year, **The Huffington Post** and **City Journal** proclaimed that Washington, D.C. has surpassed Chicago and Los Angeles as America's "New Second City." Home to a vibrant, young, highly educated demographic, Washington, is the most migrated-to city in the nation (**CNN Money**). D.C.'s affluent audience has attracted tastemakers, such as Brooklyn Flea, as well as luxury retailers, Bentley and Lamborghini, who relocated their corporate headquarters to the region in recent months. **The Daily Mail** asserted that "The world's most powerful city is also one of its coolest" and **Forbes**

rated D.C. ahead of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago in its ranking of the coolest cities in the US. (e)merge's founding directors, art world innovators **Leigh Conner** and **Jamie Smith** of **CONNERSMITH.**, bring an acute knowledge of the art market to the leadership of the fair and provide insider access to Washington D.C.'s thriving cultural scene.

This year's fair looks forward to another series of educational events in October with our Culture Partners – **The Corcoran Gallery of Art**, the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**, the **National Gallery of Art**, the **National Museum of Women in the Arts**, the **National Portrait Gallery**, and **The Phillips Collection**.

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Schedule:

Opening Preview: Thursday, October 3: 7pm - 9pm
and Concert by the Pool at 9pm (tickets available soon).
Friday, October 4: 12pm – 7pm
Saturday, October 5: 12pm – 7pm
Sunday, October 6: 12pm – 5pm

Location:

Capitol Skyline Hotel
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