

Collector's Eye 2018, Project Organized by Smart Art, To Help Cosmoscow Guests To Overcome The Fear Of Missing Out

Works of contemporary artists as part of recreational space

Cognitive therapy and mindfulness in the midst of art surrounding

Press Release, Moscow, July 23, 2018 - This year, Collector's Eye contemporary art exhibition of private loans, which takes place on an annual basis as part of Cosmoscow non-commercial programme, will take an unusual turn with a new concept. The FOMO SAPIENS project will run as a pop-up center of cognitive practices representing works of Russian and international contemporary artists, such as Evgeny Antufiev, Philip-Lorca diCorcia, Cyprien Gaillard, Anastasia Potemkina, Alexander Povzner, Richard Prince and Sergey Sapozhnikov. The FOMO SAPIENS project, curated by Maria Kramar and organized by Smart Art, will provide Cosmoscow guests with an opportunity to get into the privacy of their own minds and draw attention to their inner selves.

"In recent years, interest in various mindfulness practices has been growing significantly. With everincreasing frequency, academic periodicals write about how understanding oneself, including emotions, body, breathing, movements, and desires, along with acceptance of the outside world leads to changes in the brain structure and particularly to a decrease of the stress level. Such practices are also indispensable in choosing artworks because only a state of complete concentration allows you to make a conscious choice," said **Maria Kramar**, curator of the project.

The exhibition will include artworks from Russian private collections. Such format will once again demonstrate the interest of Russian collectors to the local and international artists. "This year, we will show a new project by Sveta Shuvaeva in the frames of Parallel Programme. Managing the Collector's Eye thematic exhibition is quite another matter. It is a very important and pleasant mission since for several years now we have been solving one of the most difficult tasks – being an intermediary between young artists and a new generation of collectors. We are grateful for placing confidence in us and are happy to

let art lovers from all over the world know how rapidly collecting is developing in Russia and how diverse are the interests of Russian collectors," – the organizers, **Anastasia Karneeva** and **Ekaterina Vinokurova** from Smart Art, further commented.

"This year, the Cosmoscow fair once again sets new records for the number of participants. We will offer our guests an extremely diverse programme. Therefore, I am very pleased that there will be a separate area where, with the help of art, anyone will get a chance to restore their emotional balance and overcome the feelings of anxiety that are an integral part of life in a modern metropolis," added **Margarita Pushkina**, Founding Director of Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair and Founder of Cosmoscow Foundation for Contemporary Art.

Cosmoscow fair is supported by Main Partner **Qatar Airways**, Strategic Partner **Credit Suisse**, Official Partner **Beluga** and Official Hotel **St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya**.

Note to editors:

Collector's Eye

The Collector's Eye curated exhibition takes place as part of Cosmoscow, drawing the significant attention of the art community, media, and general audience, starting from 2014. It is one of the most notable events of the fair, previously curated by Olga Vashchilina, collector and art consultant. In 2014, Collector's Eye exhibition included works by such renowned artists as Christopher Wool, Urs Fischer, Cecily Brown, Marc Newson, Daniel Lefcourt, Ilya Kabakov and many other artists. In 2015, the exhibition borrowed works from private collections to imagine what how avant-garde art could have coexisted with works of Old Masters in Soviet interiors of the 1960's. The exhibition included works by such renowned artists as Georg Baselitz, Cindy Sherman, Stephan Balkenhol, Richard Avedon and others. In 2016, some of the most striking exhibits of the Collector's Eye exhibition included works by Peter Halley, George Condo, Timur Novikov, Evgeniy Antufiev, Hiroshi Sugimoto, Vik Muniz, Viktor Pivovarov, Aslan Gaysumov and others. In 2017 the exhibition was titled Responsible Choice, focusing attention on the responsibility of each art institution and featuring artworks from the following collections: Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Museum of Russian Impressionism, the Foundation of Vladimir Smirnov and Konstantine Sorokin, Gogova Foundation, Pechersky Family Art Foundation, Popov Foundation.

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<u>Cosmoscow 2018 will take place from 6 to 9 September 2018 at Gostiny Dvor. 6 September is a dedicated</u> <u>to press, art professionals, and collectors. Public viewing is from 7 to 9 September.</u>

About Cosmoscow

Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair was launched by Russian collector and philanthropist Margarita Pushkina in 2010 and aims to bring together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists. Cosmoscow is Russia's only international art fair taking place every September with its own spot in an international art calendar. The 5th anniversary edition of the fair took place at the Gostiny Dvor on September 8-10, 2017

representing a record number of 54 Russian and International galleries and welcoming 19,200 guests. Over 2,000 people visited Cosmoscow Collectors' Preview.

Smart Art

Smart Art is an art consultancy closely working with Russian contemporary artists. The company was initiated with a desire to further broaden the understanding and appreciation for these artists' oeuvre through various projects and educational initiatives. Smart Art acts as an intermediary between young artists and a new generation of collectors providing new platforms for their interaction. The list of latest projects includes Sergey Sapozhnikov's exhibition at the Udarnik Cinema and Daria Irincheeva's Empty Knowledge personal project at the Moscow office of Christie's auction house among others.

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