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## CMCA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BENEFIT ONLINE AUCTION

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Center for Maine Contemporary Art is offering its annual "Art You Love" benefit auction in partnership with Paddle8, the global online auction platform. Featuring 50 works of art by leading and emerging artists connected with Maine, the CMCA auction is an opportunity to purchase art you love and support CMCA's exhibitions and educational programming for all ages.

This is the second year CMCA is partnering with Paddle8 to bring its benefit art auction to a global collecting market. "The Paddle8 platform allows people to bid on works of art no matter where they are located," says CMCA director Suzette McAvoy. "The online option benefits both CMCA and the artists by introducing their work to collectors around the world."

Bidding for CMCA's "Art You Love" auction, cmcanow.org/auction, opens at noon on Friday, Feb. 14, and runs through 5 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb. 28. At the close of the auction, successful bidders will be notified by Paddle8 and CMCA to make arrangements for shipment of the art directly to the buyers.

Artists contributing to the 2020 CMCA Benefit Art Auction include: Jeffrey Ackerman, Gideon Bok, Katherine Bradford, Meghan Brady, Jenny Brillhart, Marcie Jan Bronstein, Emily Brown, Tom Burckhardt, Tom Butler, Sam Cady, Julie Crane, Ann Craven, Grace DeGennaro, Lois Dodd, David Driskell, Lynn Duryea, Carol Eisenberg, Inka Essenhigh, Melanie Essex, Alan Fishman, Tom Flanagan, Linden Frederick, Peter Halley, Alex Katz, Sal Taylor Kydd, Tracy Miller, Dan Mills, K. Min, Anne Neely, Tessa G. O'Brien, Colin Page, Danica Phelps, Peter Ralston, Alison Rector, David Row, Tollef Runquist, Kate Russo, Claire Seidl, Gail Skudera, Lesia Sochor, Emilie Stark-Menneg, Sara Stites, Barbara Sullivan, Greta Van Campen, Susan Headley Van Campen, Tim Van Campen, Don Voisine, William Wegman, Kathy Weinberg, Jim Wolfe, Robert Younger, and Dudley Zopp.

CMCA has held a benefit fine art auction showcasing work by national and emerging artists associated with Maine for more than 40 years. For assistance or further information on this year's "Art You Love" auction, please call CMCA at 701-5005 or email jkablack@cmcanow.org.