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Locust Projects announces Halloween edition of Smash & Grab 2019
Saturday, October 26, 6:30-9:30pm – the raffle will begin promptly at 7:30pm
Art Raffle preview exhibition at Locust Projects: October 19 – 26



As one of Miami's most unique and exciting fundraisers since 2003, Smash and Grab is a fun and informal way to place artwork into collections, connect with Miami's art community, and support Locust Projects programming.

One part fine art raffle fundraiser, one part kickin' party, Smash & Grab has been connecting collectors with artists for seventeen years, helping many jump start an interest and passion for collecting or introducing established collectors to new art and artists. More than 300 artists, collectors, and arts curious convene at Locust Projects' in their newly renovated Miami Design District warehouse space to take part in or sit back and watch the fun. With over 100 artworks by local, national and international artists up for grabs, raffle ticket holders wait excitedly in anticipation for their name to be called before demonstrating an electrifying run for their favorite artwork before someone else grabs it.

- Every raffle ticket purchased is guaranteed a work of art valued at a minimum of \$550
- All the available works will be on view at Locust starting Saturday, October 19 during regular gallery hours through Saturday, October 26 at noon.
- Tickets are drawn at random during the party by, with the winner getting their choice of artwork (i.e. first called gets first pick, and so on).
- Music by A.G. spinning spooky 80s tunes, bites by Shake Shack and Harry's Pizzeria, cocktails by Bacardi, brews by Concrete Beach, EGGO waffle bar and sweet treats from

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Azucar Ice Cream Company. Guests encouraged to embrace the Los Espookys / 80s theme and dare to wear stranger things!

- Founding LP Board Chair, Dennis Scholl (2001-2005) returns to reprise his role as MC, a longstanding tradition.
- Out of town? No problem, raffle ticket buyers can assign a proxy to pick for them

Participating artists include: Paul Amundarain, Johanna Boccoardo, Randy Burman, Christopher Byrd, Francesco Lo Castro, Robert Chambers, Westen Charles, Clifton Childree, Pablo Contrisciani, John DeFaro, Cara Despain, Gianna DiBartolomeo, Rafael Domenech, Mark Fleuridor, Gonzalo Fuenmayor, A.G., Francie Bishop Good, Adler Guerrier, Jason Hedges, Cuny Janssen, Carol Jazzar, Kelley Johnson, Terry Kaplan, Michael Loveland, Molly McGreevy, Alex Nuñez, Jee Park, Karen Rifas, Donna Ruff, Mateo Serna Zapata, Stuart Sheldon, Gabriel Shuldiner, Alette Simmons-Jimenez, Sheila Elias Taplin, Claudia Valeska, Lisu Vega, Monica Lopez De Victoria, Tom Virgin, among others.

“Each artist who donates a work of art and each person who buys a raffle ticket are equally supporting Locust Projects’ artist-centric mission to support the creation of ambitious new art and providing vital space for artists to take risks and experiment,” says Lorie Mertes, executive director.

This year’s Smash and Grab also features a selection of approximately fifteen works by local, national and international artists donated from the collection of Mario Cader Frech and Robert Wennett, longtime supporters of Locust Projects’ artist-oriented mission.

“Since its inception in 2003, we have seen art world newbies evolve into seasoned collectors, and artists featured at Smash and Grab have been sought out and championed by collectors who were introduced to them for the first time at Locust.”

– Lorie Mertes,
Executive Director



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In thanks for their support, artists who donate receive a one-year CREATOR membership which includes access to Locust's LegalARTLink, pro bono legal advice and services and professional development workshops, as well as complimentary invites to Locust's Spring Fling, one of Miami's much-anticipated events.

Tickets on sale now at locustprojects.org.

- Members \$550 includes artwork raffle ticket and admission to the party for 2
- Non-Members: \$625 includes artwork raffle ticket and admission to the party for 2
- General admission: \$50 (no raffle ticket)

Download the catalogue of highlighted art works at:

<http://www.locustprojects.org/support/fundraisers/2019-annual-smash-grab-fundraiser.html>

ABOUT LOCUST PROJECTS

Founded by artists for artists in 1998, Locust Projects is Miami's longest running nonprofit alternative art space. We produce, present, and nurture ambitious and experimental new art and the exchange of ideas through commissioned exhibitions and projects, artist residencies, summer art intensives for teens, and public programs on contemporary art and curatorial practice. As a leading incubator of new art and ideas, Locust Projects emphasizes boundary-pushing creative endeavors, risk-taking and experimentation by local, national and international artists. We invest in South Florida's arts community by providing artists with project grants and empower creative careers by supporting the administrative work of being an artist through an onsite artist resource hub and access to pro bono legal services.

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