



Philippe Parreno, *Airline colours / space*, 2018 © Martin-Gropius-Bau exhibition, Berlin, 2018



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THE AMIS DU CENTRE POMPIDOU TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT CREATION AND ARTISTS

Given the spread of the pandemic that has gripped the world in recent months and the consequent economic impact on artists and galleries, the amis du Centre Pompidou and the Board of Directors have decided in full agreement with the Presidency of the institution and the teams of the Musée national d'art moderne to transform the format of the amis du Centre Pompidou's customary dinner into a joint solidarity effort towards artists of the French scene. In order to further increase this support, the association decided to transform this event, which has been postponed to Thursday October 22nd.

It was deplorably made apparent that the context in which artists and galleries of the French scene suddenly found themselves called for a radical and generous gesture. Thus, all the funds raised for the museum will be devoted to the acquisition of a substantial number of artworks by living artists representing the artistic scene in France and those who represent them.

A set of proposals put together by the curatorial team of the Musée national d'art moderne will thus lead, as usual, to a selection of works retained by the Board of Directors of the amis du Centre Pompidou. In order to diversify these acquisitions and provide the necessary support to as many recipients as possible, it was decided that the price of each of them could not exceed a threshold of 30,000 euros.

This testimony of collective solidarity will bear the form of an exhibition in the collection display of the works acquired within this frame during the event of October 22nd. Guests will also discover the exceptional work of Philippe Parreno, donated by the Friends thanks to the funds raised during the 2019 dinner, alongside the *Global (e) Resistance* exhibition featuring artworks gathered in recent years by the amis du Centre Pompidou with the aim of putting together a seminal set of pieces from all geographies and disciplines.

The gala dinner as originally conceived by designer Jaime Hayon will be postponed to a 2021 edition.

Serge Lasvignes, President of the Centre Pompidou, and Bernard Blistène, Director of the Musée national d'art moderne, welcome this initiative by the amis du Centre Pompidou and extend their gratitude to the donors, their friends and all those who will wish to join this mark of support towards artists and creation.

"Our core belief is that this evening will leave a lasting impression on the minds of all those who, through their repeated generosity and commitment, participate perpetually more actively in the artistic life of the museum and our country, during a period that requires the mobilization of each and every one of us" said Léopold Meyer, President of the amis du Centre Pompidou.

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