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Dan Gunn, installation view at Monique Meloche Gallery's booth at EXPO Chicago, Courtesy of Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago

ARTADIA ANNOUNCES 2013 EXPO CHICAGO AWARD WINNER

Chicago, IL—Artadia is delighted to announce that Dan Gunn is the winner of the 2013 EXPO Chicago Award. **Gunn** will receive an unrestricted \$2,500 cash award for his presentation at Monique Meloche Gallery's booth at EXPO Chicago. The award is generously funded by Artadia Founder and Board President Christopher E. Vroom. Juror **Nora Burnett Abrams**, Associate Curator of The Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver walked through the fair, to determine the award winner from a pool of 95 Chicago-based artists whose work was exhibited at EXPO. Said Burnett Abrams, "Dan Gunn explores the

tropes and props of staging in a playful and yet conceptually rigorous way that considers the difference between fact and fiction. He is a painter who uses neither paint nor canvas, but with freshness and exuberance, his work asks us to rethink the core ideas of painting, including color and illusionism.”

Artadia Founder and Board President Christopher E. Vroom, say of Artadia’s collaboration with EXPO: “Artadia is proud to have been a part of Chicago's vibrant cultural community ever since we launched our first awards here 12 years ago. Tony Karman and his team at EXPO Chicago have created one of the world's premier art fairs, in the process showcasing the city's amazing artists and cultural institutions. We're delighted to further our mission to support artists directly and to give Chicago's artists greater visibility at the fair through the Artadia/Expo Chicago Award.”

Dan Gunn will join the Artadia family and receive all lifetime privileges of the Artadia awardees, including access to Artadia's national network, the option to participate in Artadia programs, such as the organization’s New York Residency program, its professional services, publications and exhibitions program, and will be included in Artadia materials and website. **Gunn** received his MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a BA in Physics from Wheaton College in Illinois. In 2012, he attended The Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. His work has been shown at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago amongst other institutions and galleries.

About Artadia: The Fund for Art and Dialogue

Artadia supports visual artists with unrestricted financial awards and fosters connections to a network of opportunities. We recognize artistic excellence in cities throughout the US and introduce local communities to the international art conversation. Artadia rotates award cycles through an ever-expanding set of cities, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco, with a base in New York. Started in 1997 by Christopher Vroom, Artadia’s base of support now includes private foundations, a national Board of Directors, a National Council, a Contemporary Council, and City Council members who are active in supporting the core of creative culture: the individual artist.

EXPO CHICAGO, the International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art, presents over 125 leading international galleries at Festival Hall at Navy Pier. These exceptional galleries represent 17 different countries and 36 different cities, offering a broad spectrum of modern and contemporary artwork. Building on the success of the exposition’s inaugural year, EXPO CHICAGO/2013 will ensure Chicago’s place as an annual international fair destination.

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