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THE BRANT FOUNDATION HOSTS A FREE ARTS DAY INSPIRED BY

Error

A Solo Exhibition of Works by Urs Fischer

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Installation view of *Urs Fischer: Error* © Urs Fischer. Courtesy of the artist and Gagosian. Photo Stefan Altenburger.

The Brant Foundation collaborates with Free Arts NYC for the Fifth Annual Day of Art-making with Children from New York City's Department of Homeless Services.

Greenwich, CT (September 12, 2019) – The Brant Foundation announces the fifth annual *Free Arts Day* at The Brant Foundation Art Study Center in Greenwich, CT in partnership with Free Arts NYC and supported by J.P. Morgan Private Bank. On Saturday, September 14, 2019, over 100 children from New York's Department of Homeless Services will travel to Greenwich, CT for a day of art-making hosted by The Brant Foundation in collaboration with artist Urs Fischer, whose exhibition *Error* will be on view and serve as a point of inspiration for the day's activities. Free Arts NYC works tirelessly to combat the negative effects of poverty through arts education

and mentoring. As studies continuously attest, children involved in the arts are more likely to attend college, retain employment, and maintain meaningful personal relationships.

On September 14, 100 children between the ages of 6-13 will travel to Connecticut. Upon arrival at The Brant Foundation, Fischer and The Brant Foundation team will greet the children for a day of interactive art-making and educational initiatives. Each child will be paired with an adult mentor and take a guided tour of *Error* led by Fischer and participate in various creative activities inspired by the artist's works in the exhibition.

Planned activities include: creating magnetized urban playground landscapes inspired by *The Lock*, which features a floating cake by means of an electromagnet; crafting colorful weather mobiles to explore the hanging plaster raindrops seen in Fischer's installation *why do you hate me? i never helped you*; and assembling collage portraits with unexpected imagery in the style of the artist's Problem Paintings. Students will also be given a tote bag to decorate with melted crayon shavings, mod podge, and feathers inspired by Fischer's melting candle sculptures. Finally, the group will participate in a collaborative project by molding individual pieces of clay into a large-scale sculpture, leaving their artistic mark like in the artist's sculpture, *Big Clay*.

The Brant Foundation is honored to continue its ongoing partnership with Free Arts NYC - an organization that shares its same belief in the power of the arts to effect positive change. Previous editions of The Brant Foundation Free Arts Day included *Animal Farm* in 2017; Jonathan Horowitz in 2016; Rob Pruitt in 2015; and Dan Colen in 2014.

"J.P. Morgan is proud to support Free Arts Day at The Brant Foundation," said Brian Bisesi, Northeast Leader and Greenwich Market Manager, J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "Art has a way of sparking ideas and connecting people in a meaningful way. At the Private Bank we recognize that support of the arts and events such as these benefit our employees, our clients and our communities at large."

About Free Arts NYC

Free Arts NYC strives to level the playing field by providing high-quality arts and mentorship programs to youth who do not have access to them. It is one of the only youth organizations in NYC that combines 1:1 mentoring and intensive art programming. Free Arts NYC partners with public schools, community centers, and housing facilities throughout the city. Their goal is to empower youth and build their self-esteem, confidence, communication, and problem-solving skills through art and mentoring programs. Through employee engagement events and intensive mentorship programs, our youth learn the skills necessary to succeed in academic, professional, and daily-life situations.

About the Brant Foundation Art Study Center

The Brant Foundation Art Study Center has a mission to promote education and appreciation of contemporary art and design, by making works available to institutions and individuals for scholarly study and examination. The Brant Foundation Art Study Center presents long-term exhibitions curated primarily from the collection. The collection is remarkable in that scores of artists are represented in depth, including works from the earliest period of their practice through their most recent works. Currently, The Brant Foundation, Inc., established in 1996, lends works to more than a dozen exhibitions per year. The Brant Foundation Art Study Center has two

locations at 941 North Street, Greenwich, Connecticut and 421 East 6th Street, New York, and is open to the public and free of charge by online reservation via the Foundation's website.

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