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YOUNGARTS
FOUNDATION
2nd INVITATIONAL
Select Works by 2014 and 2015 Visual Arts Alumni

July 9 – August 15, 2015
Opening Reception: July 9, 6 – 8pm



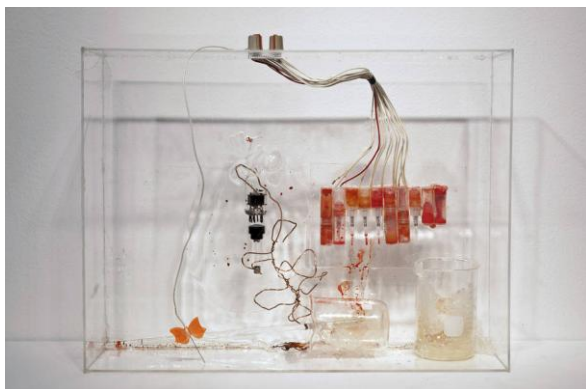
Olivia Mulder, *Jack and the Beanstalk*

The Flomenhaft Gallery in Chelsea is proud to host the National YoungArts Foundation Visual Artists Second Invitational.

If you have never been to Miami for National YoungArts Week in January, to see what some of the nation's most talented young artists have been up to, you are missing something very special. These young artists represent the future of the arts! Have you ever caught the HBO special *YoungArts Masterclass* with Julian Schnabel, Edward Albee, Liv Ullman, Renee Fleming, James Rosenquist, Frank Gehry, Wynton Marsallis, Bill T. Jones, Michael Tilson Thomas, Vanessa Williams and more? These renowned artists and many others all support the YoungArts mission.

Each year, YoungArts receives more than 11,000 applications from the nation's most talented young artists (15-18 year old or grades 10-12) from around the country. From this pool, approximately 800 Winners are selected through a blind adjudication process and are recognized for their outstanding work and accomplishments in the literary, visual, design and performing arts fields.

Artists included in our show are: **Sequoia Canada** (2015, Photography), **Catrina Crawford** (2015, Visual Arts), **Cole Dinunno** (2015, Visual Arts), **Illya Mousavijad** (2015, Visual Arts), **Olivia Mulder** (2015, Visual Arts), **Conner Olson** (2015, Visual Arts), **Lauren Posner** (2015, Visual Arts), **Mika Rosenberg** (2014, Visual Arts), **Morgan Strahorn** (2015, Visual Arts), and **Willie Williams Jr.** (2014, Visual Arts). The works chosen are very diverse and the only criterion is their excellence. The artists are from Towson, Maryland; Bellaire, Texas; Wellington, Florida; Coral Gables, Florida; Birmingham, Alabama; Dayton, Ohio; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



(Left) Mika Rosenberg, *Skin Grafting by Sample 4S*



(Right) Catrina Crawford, *Vultures*



Illya Mousavijad, *In the Midst of Thoughts*



Sequoia Canada, *Seven to One*

Sarah Arison, YoungArts Trustee, and YoungArts Alumnus Kenyon Adams, multi-talented actor, musician, and visual artist, will introduce the artists at the opening reception.

The National YoungArts Foundation was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify and support the next generation of artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts; assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development; and raise appreciation for the arts in American society. To date, YoungArts has honored more than 20,000 young artists with over \$12 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$60 million in college scholarship opportunities in the past two years; and enabled its participants to work with master teachers who are among the most distinguished artists in the world, such as Marina Abramovic, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Placido Domingo, Zaha Hadid, Jeff Koons, Robert Redford, Kathleen Turner and Bruce Weber. Among YoungArts alumni who have gone on to become leading professionals in their fields are actors Viola Davis, Anna Gunn, Adrian Grenier, Andrew Rannells, Kerry Washington and Vanessa Williams; Tony Award-winner Billy Porter; recording artists Josh Groban, Nicki Minaj and Chris Young; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard, Gerald Clayton and Jennifer Koh; renowned choreographer and Artistic Director/Co-Founder of Complexions Contemporary Ballet Desmond Richardson; visual artists Doug Aitken and Daniel Arsham; New York Times bestselling author Sam Lipsyte; writer and producer Jenji Kohan; and Academy Award-winning filmmaker Doug Blush.



Cole Dinino, *Metamorphosis*



Willie Williams Jr., *What Once Was*



Conner Olson, *Ascent*