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di Rosa

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di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art Announces Support for Education Programs

Napa, CA, March 12, 2019 – di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art has been awarded a grant from the Five Arts Fund, a Donor Advised Fund of Napa Valley Community Foundation, to support its Education and Civic Engagement initiatives.

The funding will underwrite di Rosa’s Community Open Studios / Hacienda Arte con Todos program and gallery interpretation areas throughout 2019.

Community Open Studios / Hacienda Arte con Todos was created in the wake of the 2017 North Bay Wildfires as a free, welcoming space for local residents to come and make art together. More than 230 residents took advantage of the six-week program. In October 2018, di Rosa revived the program to commemorate a year of healing. Due to overwhelming popularity, the Community Open Studios / Hacienda Arte con Todos is now part of di Rosa’s regular programming. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to participate in the free, drop-in program. Education staff and volunteers are on hand to assist with the creative experience and non-toxic art supplies are provided. “This is one of my favorite programs at di Rosa not only because it is free, but it provides quality studio activities that are accessible to audiences of all ages and experience levels,” said Director of Education and Civic Engagement, Andrea Saenz Williams. “I love watching visitors spend hours immersed in making art—and then witness their surprise when they realize how the time flew by! We couldn’t be more grateful to the Five Arts Fund and the Napa Valley Community Foundation for their support.”

di Rosa’s gallery interpretation area is designed to enhance learning experiences in association with the exhibitions *Viola Frey: Center Stage* (February 23 – December 29) and *Building a Different Model: Selections from the di Rosa Collection* (March 9 –

December 29). Two iPads, located within the Program Hub of Gallery 2, are dedicated to each exhibition, containing interactive learning materials and applications. The Program Hub also contains a lounge area where visitors can practice their hand at figure drawing or build their own models with magnetized wooden blocks. All interpretation areas include reading materials supporting the themes and artists within both exhibitions. "We are proud to support di Rosa's work to give young people in our community access to experience and create art," said Napa Valley Community Foundation Vice President of Philanthropic Services Julia DeNatale. "We are grateful to our donors who understand that nurturing students' creative thinking will help them to develop lifelong critical thinking skills."

For details about Community Open Studios / Haciendo Arte con Todos, upcoming program dates, or di Rosa's current exhibitions, please visit www.dirosaart.org.

ABOUT DI ROSA CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art presents contemporary exhibitions and educational programs for all ages and maintains a permanent collection of notable works by artists living or working in the San Francisco Bay Area from the mid-twentieth century to the present day. A wide range of styles, media and subject matter provides an overview of the creative energy and freedom to experiment that characterize this region of California. di Rosa features multiple galleries, a sculpture park and a 35-acre lake, all located on 217 scenic acres in Napa Valley's famed Carneros region that are protected in perpetuity under the Napa County Land Trust. di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is located at 5200 Sonoma Highway, Napa. The galleries are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM. For more information, visit www.dirosaart.org.

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