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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art Presents:
Erik Scollon: Anything With a Hole... Is Also a Bead
Featuring new work by cutting-edge ceramic artist Erik Scollon

Napa, CA (March 2, 2022) di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art presents ***Erik Scollon: Anything With a Hole... Is Also a Bead, an exhibition of new work by San Francisco artist Erik Scollon, from March 13 to July 3, 2022.*** In this series, Scollon—a fixture of the Bay Area’s avant-garde ceramics scene—invites us to reconsider that most conventional ceramic object: *the bead*.

“I have been following Erik’s meteoric rise in the art world for over ten years and am honored to bring his uniquely conceptual brand of ceramic art to di Rosa,” states Executive Director Kate Eilertsen. “In this exhibition, he challenges the conventional view of the bead as a humble craft object.”

In recent years, lockdown restrictions forced Scollon to practice on a new, more intimate scale, leading him to create thousands and thousands of ceramic beads. Slowly and meditatively, bead after bead was rolled by hand, pierced, fired and glazed. Then, through slow repetition and accumulation, they were strung and knotted into macramé panels. The resulting compositions are riotous fields of color and texture that scramble viewers’ perception of scale, distance and resolution. Inviting multiple modes of engagement, the work shatters conventional distinctions between painting, sculpture and ceramic art.

On Saturday, June 4, di Rosa’s artist talk forum will serve as a host to Scollon as he discusses his work. Additionally, on Saturday, March 26, di Rosa’s FREE *Making Art with Everyone* series will pay homage to Scollon’s tactile visions. Education staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist with the creative experience. Visit www.dirosaart.org for more information about upcoming events and programs.

ABOUT DI ROSA CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

2022 marks a milestone 25th Anniversary for di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art as a public arts organization. During the past quarter-century, di Rosa has originated groundbreaking

exhibitions and programs and supported emerging and established artists, while preserving its stunning 217 acres in Napa Valley. Di Rosa provides a truly unique experience for art and nature lovers with multiple galleries, a sculpture park and a 35-acre lake, all located in Napa Valley's famed Carneros region. The center offers contemporary exhibitions and educational programs for all ages and 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.

The campus is currently open to the public, Friday to Sunday, 11 AM to 3 PM. Beginning April 17, di Rosa will offer an enhanced visitor experience across all its outdoor public areas. The campus will be open Friday to Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Drop-ins are encouraged. di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is located at 5200 Sonoma Highway, Napa.