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Monira Foundation to Present Michael Heizer: HOLLYWOOD 24 at Mana Contemporary
Year- Long Presentation of Unique Series of Prints to Commence in February

CHICAGO, IL, February 3, 2022 – Monira Foundation is pleased to announce Michael Heizer: HOLLYWOOD 24, a set of unique silkscreens to be shown at Mana Contemporary Chicago. Curated by the foundation’s Director, Ysabel Pinyol Blasi and Curatorial Director of the Ayn Foundation and artist, Tad Wiley. The presentation is the result of collaborative efforts between Mana Contemporary Chicago, Monira Foundation, and the Ayn Foundation.

Known for his monumental earthworks and sculptures in the California and Nevada deserts, Heizer pushes the boundaries of scale and perception. His works displace earth through the digging of trenches and creating “negative” lines in the ground, disrupt cliffs, and alter the way his audience interacts with them due to their scale and remote location. Beyond the earthworks, Heizer avidly integrated paintings and works on paper into his practice since his time in New York City. These works are at times minimal and geometric using only one color against the unprimed canvas, or more recently, free-form in shape, wildly colorful and energetic. *Hollywood 24* is the outright product of Heizer’s imagination, albeit with the same deeply human and active hand he employed in his earthworks; Heizer scrapes, drips, wipes, pours, and draws on his screen prints. Functioning as a language known only to Heizer, the modern glyphs contain moments of anchoring to contain their chaos- Heizer’s use of repetition and hand-drawn lines corral the uncontained. In 1975, Heizer began screen printing at Gemini G.E.L in Los Angeles, California, where the Hollywood 24 series originated. Rather than creating multiples of one image, the works in the Hollywood 24 series all are unique silkscreen forms. Heizer would continue making unique prints with Gemini master printer Ken Tyler after Tyler left Gemini and moved to Bedford, New York.

On view for one year, the presentation is curated with the support of the Ayn Foundation. Concurrently, the Ayn Foundation has curated a series of long term presentations featuring prominent American Artists on view at Mana Contemporary, NJ, including; Andy Warhol, Arnulf Rainer, Dan Flavin, John Chamberlain, Rammellzee, and Fred Sandbeck, with support of the Monira Foundation. Additional programming will be announced upon finalization with both the Ayn Foundation and Mana Contemporary, Chicago.



About Ayn Foundation:

Established in 1993 with the formation of the Arnulf Rainer Museum in New York City, the Ayn Foundation is committed to comprehensive, large-scale projects by major international artists for presentation to the public. Current projects include Andy Warhol's *The Last Supper*, and Maria Zerres' *September Eleven*, located in the west Texas town of Marfa. In addition to the Arnulf Rainer Museum, Ayn has also presented projects by Joa Baldinger, John Chamberlain, Dan Flavin, Arnulf Rainer, Andy Warhol and Maria Zerres, with the help of such important museums and foundations as The Brant Foundation of Greenwich, Connecticut, The Dia Art Foundation, Guggenheim Museum, Menil Collection in Houston, and the Staatsgalerie Moderner Kunst in Munich.

About Monira Foundation:

Monira Foundation, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution, functions as a radical experimental laboratory, working in close collaboration with artists, curators, musicians, producers, and writers to conceive, realize, and present innovative projects in all media. Its aim is to spark, intensify, and promote an evolving cultural and social dialogue between creators, audiences, and institutions. Focusing on the unique potential of interdisciplinary work in a context distinct from the distracting pressures of academia and the market, Monira Foundation advances the practices and products of today's foremost artists, amplifying their contributions to communities both local and distant.

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