

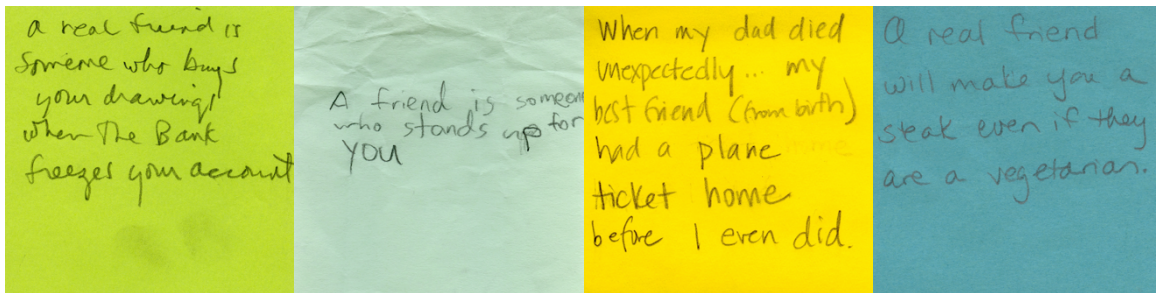
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MGM RESORTS ART & CULTURE PRESENTS AN INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION BY ARTIST TANJA HOLLANDER DURING ART BASEL IN MIAMI BEACH

Project will be presented at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and the MGM Resorts Lounge in the Art Basel Collectors Lounge

Presentation includes the Launch of a Book Co-Published by MGM Resorts and MASS MoCA in Conjunction with Hollander's Current Exhibition at MASS MoCA Titled Are you really my friend?



Images: Visitor contributions to the installation from past venues.

LAS VEGAS (November 27 2017)—During Art Basel in Miami Beach 2017, MGM Resorts Art & Culture, an Associate Partner of the show, will present a participatory art installation by Tanja Hollander. The project is timed with the launch of a book co-published by MGM Resorts and MASS MoCA (The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art), in conjunction with the artist's current exhibition *Are you really my friend?* On view at MASS MoCA through February 11, 2018, the project examines the ways that friendship is defined in the era of social media and will build upon the work at Art Basel in Miami Beach.

MGM Resorts has long been committed to presenting public art, cultural experiences, and special moments that result in meaningful human interaction in Las Vegas and beyond. “Our partners, such as Art Basel, share our vision of bringing people together through art and featuring thought-provoking works that inspire creativity and conversation,” said Tarissa Tiberti, Executive Director of MGM Resorts Art & Culture. “Tanja Hollander’s work and the related book are great examples of this.”

Hollander’s project invites viewers to define what a real friend means to them and comes out of her work in which she crisscrossed the United States and traveled extensively abroad, visiting her Facebook friends in their homes. Having set out to discover ways in which friendship is defined in the digital era, Hollander found herself negotiating the boundaries between actual and virtual experiences, and how people grant permission to enter their private, yet very public, online lives.

Explains Hollander, “Working with MGM Resorts Art & Culture has been a natural fit. This project is about friendship, but it’s also about traveling and hospitality; the exciting experiences we all have when we step out of our own communities and explore the world around us.”

During Art Basel in Miami Beach, MGM Resorts Art & Culture will present the interactive part of the exhibition *Are you really my friend?* from Wednesday, December 6 through Sunday, December 10 at the

Miami Beach Botanical Garden (2000 Convention Center Dr.) and the MGM Resorts Lounge within the Art Basel Collectors Lounge. Hours in both locations are December 6–7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; December 8-9 from noon to 8 p.m.; and December 10 from noon to 6 p.m.

Visitors to the installation *Are you really my friend?* will be encouraged to contribute their idea of friendship through Post-it Note messages they write, affix to a wall, and post to social media via Instagram. Those not in Miami also can participate by sharing via Instagram what a real friend means to them and using #areyoureallymyfriend. From December 6-10, participants will be entered to win a daily prize, a Limited Edition-signed Hollander book, in the MGM Resorts Art & Culture *Are you really my friend?* Sweepstakes. The Grand Prize winner will receive a two-night stay at their choice of Bellagio or ARIA in Las Vegas. The package will include dinner at Picasso (a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star restaurant), tickets to Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art and Cirque de Soleil's "O," and a private tour of MGM Resorts' extensive art collection. More details on the sweepstakes will be available beginning December 1 at mgmresorts.com/artandculture.

In addition, MGM Resorts Art & Culture will host two special events. On Thursday, December 7, from 3-4:30 p.m., there will be a book signing and reception with Tanja Hollander in the MGM Resorts Lounge, accessible to Art Basel VIP Card holders and invited media. On Friday, December 8, from 12-1:30 p.m., a public book signing with the artist will be at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden. Co-published by MGM Resorts and MASS MoCA, the book will be available for Art Basel attendees in advance of its public release.

The MGM Resorts Lounge also will feature a major work from the company's collection—Nick Cave's *Soundsuit* from 2013. Cave is well-known for his *Soundsuits*, sculptural forms designed to camouflage the body, masking and creating a second skin that is intended to conceal race, gender, and class. The mixed media sculpture will be brought to Miami Beach from its permanent home at Bellagio in Las Vegas.

About MGM Resorts Art & Culture

MGM Resorts Art & Culture focuses on commissioning, collecting, supporting, and presenting modern and contemporary art in and around MGM Resorts' destinations globally. Key partnerships and collections include title sponsorship of Ugo Rondinone's land-based art installation *Seven Magic Mountains* in Las Vegas; Associate Partner for Art Basel in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong; and the ARIA Fine Art Collection, the first major permanent collection of art in Las Vegas to be integrated into a public space and one of the world's largest and most ambitious corporate art collections in existence today.

Currently the MGM Resorts Art Collection includes more than 800 pieces by over 200 artists. Examples include works by Alice Aycock (National Harbor, Maryland), Antony Gormley (ARIA, Las Vegas), Jenny Holzer (ARIA, Las Vegas), Ellsworth Kelly (The Mansion at MGM Grand, Las Vegas), Maya Lin (ARIA, Las Vegas), Henrique Oliveira (Monte Carlo, transforming into Park MGM in 2018, Las Vegas), Pablo Picasso (Bellagio, Las Vegas), Robert Rauschenberg (Bellagio, Las Vegas), Nancy Rubins (Vdara, Las Vegas), Bob Dylan (National Harbor, Maryland), among many others.

To learn more about MGM Resorts Art & Culture, visit mgmresorts.com/artandculture.

For media materials, images and videos, visit the MGM Resorts Newsroom: newsroom.mgmresorts.com.

Join the conversation on social media by using the hashtags #MGMArtCulture, #areyoureallymyfriend and following [@MGMArtCulture](https://www.instagram.com/MGMArtCulture) and [@tanjahollander](https://www.instagram.com/tanjahollander).

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About Art Basel

Founded in 1970 by gallerists from Basel, Art Basel today stages the world's premier art shows for Modern and contemporary art, sited in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong. Defined by its host city and region, each show is unique, which is reflected in its participating galleries, artworks presented, and the content of parallel programming produced in collaboration with local institutions for each edition.

Art Basel's engagement has expanded beyond art fairs through a number of new initiatives. In 2014, Art Basel launched its Crowdfunding Initiative, in collaboration with Kickstarter. This initiative presents jury-selected art projects to potential benefactors, which include Art Basel's vibrant audience and the Kickstarter community. The initiative has catalyzed much-needed support for outstanding non-commercial art projects worldwide and so far has helped pledge over \$2 million to creative projects around the world. For Art Basel Cities, launched in 2016, Art Basel is working with selected partner cities to develop vibrant and content-driven programs specific to the individual city. Connecting them to the global art world through Art Basel's expertise and network, Art Basel Cities supports its partners to develop their unique cultural landscape. For further information, please visit artbasel.com.

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