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**MGM Resorts International, Associate Partner of Art Basel,
Presents New Short-Form Documentary Series in MGM Resorts Lounge**

*Short Film Series Features Artists from MGM Resorts Fine Art Collection including Ugo
Rondinone, Henrique Oliveira and Mia Pearlman*



Henrique Oliveira, *Untitled*, Park MGM, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2017. Photo by Patrick Michael Chin.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND (May 24, 2018)—MGM Resorts Art & Culture, an Associate Partner of Art Basel, will debut a new series of artist videos in the MGM Resorts Lounge at Art Basel in Basel 2018 (June 14–17). The short films will feature behind-the-scenes video interviews with artists Ugo Rondinone, Henrique Oliveira and Mia Pearlman in their studios and on location discussing the process of creating their works, some of which were commissioned for the MGM Resorts Fine Art Collection.

About the Videos

The videos feature Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone whose *Seven Magic Mountains*, supported by ARIA Resort & Casino, is located in the Las Vegas desert; Brazilian artist Henrique Oliveira whose *Untitled* installation is the centerpiece of the Park MGM lobby in Las Vegas; and American artist Mia Pearlman whose *The Flying Tidings Whirled* will be showcased at MGM Springfield in Springfield, Mass., opening



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this summer. The short-film series highlights MGM Resorts' longtime commitment to creating cultural experiences by presenting public art in the communities where it operates.

About the Art

Brooklyn-based artist Mia Pearlman was commissioned to create *The Flying Tidings Whirled*, a large-scale, site-specific installation made of powder-coated, water jet-cut aluminum for MGM Springfield. The resort's art collection will showcase local and regional artists from the city, the greater Berkshires area, and New England, while also reflecting the national and international breadth of the MGM Resorts Fine Art Collection. Other highlights that will be on display at MGM Springfield include Jeppe Hein's *Bench of Expectations*, Alexis Smith's *Playing Cards*, Viola Frey's mosaic *Fighting Men and the World*, Henry Moore's *Portrait of Prométhée*, and historical pieces on loan from the Springfield Museums.

MGM Resorts' newest destination, Park MGM, is located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip and features a diverse collection of artworks by renowned artists from around the world. France's *be-pôles* studio, in collaboration with MGM Resorts and partner, Sydel Group, brought together names such as David Hockney, Shoja Azari and Sharam Karimi, and Guy Yanai to deliver destination-specific pieces that are integrated throughout the Park MGM experience. One prominent site-specific work to note is Henrique Oliveira's dramatic arboreal sculpture in the lobby entrance.

MGM Resorts and ARIA Resort & Casino are proud sponsors of Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, one of the largest land-based art installations completed in more than 40 years. Located in the Nevada desert 10 miles south of Las Vegas, *Seven Magic Mountains* is produced by the Art Production Fund, New York and Nevada Museum of Art, Reno and will be on display through December 2018.

MGM Resorts Supports Parcours Sector

MGM Resorts Art & Culture also proudly supports the Parcours sector of Art Basel in Basel 2018, which will present 23 site-specific artworks around Basel's greater Münsterplatz area. Now in its ninth edition, Parcours is again sited in the heart of Basel's historical city center where 22 artists engage with an abundance of historically rich scenic sites. Curated for the third year by Samuel Leuenberger, Director and Curator of SALTS in Birsfelden, Switzerland, this year's Parcours reflects on the political potential of storytelling, while it seeks to investigate what stories tell us about our lives.

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About MGM Resorts Art & Culture

MGM Resorts Art & Culture focuses on commissioning, collecting, supporting and presenting contemporary art in and around MGM Resorts' destinations globally. Currently the MGM Resorts Art Collection includes more than 800 pieces by over 200 artists.

Examples include works by Alice Aycock (National Harbor, Maryland), Jenny Holzer (ARIA, Las Vegas), Antony Gormley (ARIA, Las Vegas), Maya Lin (ARIA, Las Vegas), Robert Rauschenberg (Bellagio, Las Vegas), Nancy Rubins (Vdara, Las Vegas), James Turrell (ARIA, Las Vegas), among many others.

MGM Resorts Art & Culture was established in 2016 to encompass all of the MGM Resorts' collections, and varied art-related initiatives and partnerships to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted arts program. Reflecting the company's core values of inclusivity and diversity, MGM Resorts Art & Culture aims to create special, accessible experiences for all audiences. Each project thoughtfully considers the artist, the environment, and the overall experience, recognizing the power of art to evoke emotion, engage the senses, and spark conversation. Art is prevalent throughout MGM Resorts' distinctive world-class brands including Bellagio, ARIA, Vdara, MGM Grand, and Delano Las Vegas; as well as MGM National Harbor outside of Washington, D.C., MGM Springfield in Massachusetts (opening August 2018), and internationally in Macau and COTAI.

About the MGM Resorts - Art Basel Partnership

MGM Resorts' partnership with Art Basel began in December 2016 when MGM Resorts became the Public sector's Partner in Art Basel in Miami Beach. The relationship grew with MGM Resorts' support of Kingsley Ng's *Twenty-Five Minutes Older* Tram project during the Hong Kong show in March 2017, and expanded into an Associate Partnership at Art Basel in Basel in June 2017, where MGM Resorts Art & Culture supported Than Hussein Clark's *Parcours* performance *Yes, Yes, All the News that's Fit to Print*. At Art Basel in Miami Beach in 2017, MGM Resorts Art & Culture continued this role and was the lead partner of the show's Public sector for the second year. This past March, MGM Resorts initiated its inaugural support of the Encounters Sector at Art Basel in Hong Kong.

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 which catalyzed much-needed support for outstanding non-commercial art projects worldwide and has helped garner pledges in excess of USD 2 million in support of around 70 art projects from around the globe – from Bogota to Ho Chi Minh City, San José and Kabul. 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.

About MGM Resorts International

MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is an S&P 500® global entertainment company with national and international locations featuring best-in-class hotels and casinos, state-of-the-art meetings and conference spaces, incredible live and theatrical entertainment experiences, and an extensive array of restaurant, nightlife and retail offerings. MGM Resorts creates immersive, iconic experiences through its suite of Las Vegas-inspired brands. The MGM Resorts portfolio encompasses 28 unique hotel offerings including some of the most recognizable resort brands in the industry. Expanding throughout the U.S. and around the world, the company in 2018 opened MGM COTAI in Macau and the first Bellagio-branded hotel in Shanghai. It also is developing MGM Springfield in Massachusetts. The 78,000 global employees of MGM Resorts are proud of their company for being recognized as one of FORTUNE® Magazine's World's Most Admired Companies®. For more information visit us at www.mgmresorts.com.



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