

JOHN BALDESSARI

Quack, 2018
Composite, UV-resistant resin, paint, UV Coating
48 × 30 × 21 inches (may vary)
Edition of 14 with 4 APs (each unique)
Pictured: Edition 9/14 (Available 8, 9)
Individually numbered with signed certificates of authenticity
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\$120,000

In celebration of CalArts's 50th Anniversary, artist John Baldessari (Chouinard 1959) has created *Quack*, 2018, an extraordinarily special artwork by one of our most revered Chouinard graduates, and beloved CalArts teachers, who is widely regarded as one of the most influential artists of the past five decades. Standing at roughly four feet tall (true to the size of the largest of all penguins), *Quack*, 2018, has been created in an editioned series of 14 sculptures, each from composite and UV resistant resin, and uniquely hand painted.

Rife with humor (exhibiting the artist's interest in the pairing of incongruent words and images through the delightful title, *Quack*), Baldessari's sculpture for CalArts also draws pathos within the context of global warming. When asked why he started working with penguins, Baldessari explained that he chose these aquatic flightless birds as his subjects because "they are far from my everyday experience." A bibliophile and lover of literature, it is probably no coincidence that after reading *South!* By Ernest Shackleton, Baldessari was drawn to the penguins of Antarctica, specifically the Emperor penguin.



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CalArts, in partnership with publisher Lisa Ivorian-Jones, has commissioned limited editions and artwork series by a prominent group of 50 artist alumni as a part of *50+50: A Creative Century from Chouinard to CalArts*. *50+50* is an unprecedented artist-led scholarship endowment initiative in preparation for the upcoming 50th anniversary of California Institute of the Arts and the centennial of Chouinard Art Institute.

The *50+50* artist editions and series reflect the diversity of graduating artists from CalArts and Chouinard, which together have nurtured some of the world's most influential artistic talent for nearly 100 years, and set the leading edge of contemporary artistic practice in conceptualism, feminist art, design, and interdisciplinary performance.

Representing a broad range of art-making, the 2020 inaugural series of 10 artworks range in price from \$3,000 to upwards of \$100,000, and were generously created by artists John Baldessari (1931–2020; Chouinard 1959), Anne Collier (b.1970; CalArts 1993), Laddie John Dill (b.1943; Chouinard 1968), Joe Goode (b.1937; Chouinard 1961), Naotaka Hiro (b.1972; CalArts 2000), Tony Oursler (b.1957; CalArts 1979), Gala Porras-Kim (b.1984; CalArts 2009), Stephen Prina (b.1954; CalArts 1980), Barbara T. Smith (b.1931; Chouinard 1965), and Carrie Mae Weems (b.1953; CalArts 1981). A complete list of the 50 participating artists is provided below.

Sales of these artworks generate crucial funding for the School of Art Alumni Scholarship endowment, and provide essential financial support for students. Increased scholarship funding is necessary for CalArts to continue to recruit and retain the very best art students, regardless of their financial means.

The *50+50* project is just one example of the many ways that CalArts alumni play a vital role in directly supporting current and future students—the artists who will shape the future of culture.

Confirmed Artists

John Baldessari	Joe Goode	Rodney McMillian	Allen Ruppertsberg
Ericka Beckman	Lauren Halsey	Josephine Meckseper	David Salle
Larry Bell	Lyle Ashton Harris	Dave Muller	Pieter Schoolwerth
Nayland Blake	Richard Hawkins	Matthew Mullican	Jim Shaw
Ross Bleckner	Naotaka Hiro	Kelly Nipper	Gary Simmons
Barbara Bloom	Jason Kraus	Alexandra Olson	Barbara T. Smith
Andrea Bowers	Liz Larner	Catherine Opie	Henry Taylor
Anne Collier	Jonathan Lasker	Tony Oursler	Kaari Upson
Beatriz Cortez	Dashiell Manley	Laura Owens	Carrie Mae Weems
Laddie John Dill	Daniel Joseph	Lari Pittman	James Welling
Victoria Fu	Martinez	Gala Porras-Kim	Christopher Williams
Malik Gaines	Rita McBride	Stephen Prina	B. Wurtz
Liz Glynn	Adam McEwen	Andy Robert	

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