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Groundswell Announces
Annual Art Auction Benefit

Event Date: Tuesday, October 14
Location: NeueHouse, 110 East 25th Street, NYC

NEW YORK, NY – **Groundswell** announces its 2014 Annual Art Auction Benefit, in support of the organization’s public artmaking programs. The Benefit will honor acclaimed artist and activist **Faith Ringgold**, the **Center for Court Innovation**, and **Bogopa Service Corporation DBA Food Bazaar Supermarkets**. The event will feature a silent and live auction of over 80 art works generously donated by both emerging and internationally-renowned artists, including **Faith Ringgold**, **Swoon**, **Richard Serra**, and **Shepard Fairey**. Presented by the 2014 Benefit committee, led by chairs **Ricardo Cortés**, **Kathleen Hackett**, and **Nazli Parvizi**, the Annual Art Auction Benefit will take place on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7:00 pm at NeueHouse.

Each of the 2014 honorees has made a unique contribution to Groundswell over the organization’s 18-year history, furthering its work to bring together artists, youth, and community organizations to transform New York City’s urban landscape through public art.

With a career beginning in the early 60’s, **Faith Ringgold** is known internationally for her art and activism, breaking ground and opening (museum) doors for women and artists of color. Best known for her illustrated children’s books and painted story quilts, Ringgold has received more than 75 awards, fellowships, citations, and honors, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Fellowship for painting, two National Endowment for the Arts Awards (for painting and sculpture) and 23 honorary doctorates, one of which is from her alma mater The City College of New York. Ringgold serves on Groundswell’s Honorary Advisory Board, providing the organization with her unique perspective and strategic vision.

The **Center for Court Innovation**, a public/private partnership between the New York State Unified Court System and the Fund for the City of New York, seeks to aid victims, reduce crime, strengthen neighborhoods, reduce incarceration, and improve public trust in

justice. The Center combines action and reflection to spark justice reform locally, nationally, and internationally. In New York City, the Center creates demonstration projects that test new ideas. The Center's projects include community-based violence prevention programs, alternatives to incarceration, reentry initiatives, and many others. Groundswell has partnered with the Center since 2010 to present meaningful public art programs which engage court-involved youth.

Partnering with Groundswell on four murals throughout Brooklyn and Queens in 2014, **Bogopa Service Corp.**, better known as **Food Bazaar Supermarkets**, has built its business on a culture of hard work and a deep commitment to serve the rapidly growing, and often neglected, diverse ethnic communities. As one of the leading, privately owned, ethnic supermarkets in the northeast, they have an insatiable drive to "get the job done" with respect to tracking down hard to find items for their customers, connecting them with the flavors that they love and recall from back home.

"As we celebrate our 18th year," said Groundswell Executive Director Amy Sananman, "we look forward to hosting an incredibly successful art auction. In addition to highlighting the work of over eighty talented and generous artists, this event will bring together Groundswell's broader community of artists, partners, individual supporters, and young people to celebrate three remarkable honorees and raise critical funds to support our efforts to use art as a tool for social change throughout the year."

Sara Friedlander of Christie's will be the auctioneer for the evening.

The list of contributing artists to the 2014 Benefit to-date includes **David Adamo, Ashton Agbomenou, Fariba Alam, Miya Ando, Mildred Beltré, Leola Bermanzohn, Lordan Bunch, Jason Alexander Byers, Christopher Cardinale, Henry Chalfant, Tillamook Cheddar, Ricardo Cortés, Hannah Cole, Molly Crabapple, Boyce Cummings, Harry Cushing, Sophia Dawson, Eric Doeringer, John Dolan, Patrick Dougher, Nicky Enright, Shepard Fairey, Carol Forman, Richard Foulser, Lori Fox, Felicia Gordon, David Guinn, Hash, Sylvia Hernandez, M. Genevieve Hitchings, Ayana V. Jackson, Todd James, Oliver Jeffers, David Hume Kennedy, Sherry Kerlin, KET, Abdul Mati Klarwein, Naomi Kuo, Jenny Laden, Emily Noelle Lambert, Ryan Lee, Ira Lippke, Thomas Loof, Rene Lynch, Carlos Mare, Elizabeth Maroney, Juliana Merz, Brittany Miller, Mark Milroy, Franco Mondini Ruiz, Melissa Murray, Paloma Pargac, José Parlá, Dulce Pinzón, Jess Poplawski, Lauren Portada, Ricky Powell, Lee Quinones, Faith Ringgold, Karin Schaefer, Richard Serra, Daniel Slabonik, Sarah Small, Kiki Smith, Chris Soria, Swoon, Daniel D. Teoli Jr., Justin Terry, Hank Willis Thomas, Mauricio Trenard, Eric D. Usinger, Reid van Renesse, Katherine Wolkoff, Romon Yang, and Raphael Zollinger.**

This year's Groundswell Art Auction Benefit is proudly supported by 2014 Premier sponsors Food Bazaar Supermarkets and NeueHouse; Patrons of the Arts sponsors Sweet'N Low, FCI Catering & Events, and Whole Foods (Third and 3rd); and Distinguished sponsors Davis Polk, Hayward Industries, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Goldstein Hall, LLC. Additional sponsors include Pomerantz, LLP, Barrett Design, Con Edison, Time Warner, HBO, Pop Weaver, and Industry City.

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110 East 25th Street

New York, NY 10010

Cost Tickets start at \$50, sponsorships from \$2,500

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