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CHRISTIE'S TO PRESENT THE SECOND EDITION OF SAY IT LOUD (I'M BLACK AND I AM PROUD) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DESTINEE ROSS SUTTON



NEW YORK – Christie's is proud to be partnering once again with visionary curator, Destinee Ross-Sutton, to present the second edition of *Say it Loud (I'm Black and I'm Proud)* in August 2021. Curated by Ross-Sutton, *Say It Loud 2021* will offer an expanded roster of international artists in an exhibition dedicated to a celebration of Black art. Named after the iconic James Brown song, "Say it Loud: I'm Black and I'm Proud," the exhibition will provide the artists with a global platform for the amplification of their work. *Say it Loud* is being organized by Christie's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives, which seeks to provide a necessary platform to amplify and empower the voices of the Black Art community. Further details on *Say it Loud* will

be made available closer to the opening in August. In the meantime, please view last year's exhibition here.

Continuing on the successful model of the inaugural iteration of *Say it Loud*, Christie's will provide its global platform for the exhibition and will help to facilitate introductions between interested parties and the artists or their representatives. Christie's will not receive a percentage from the sale of any work in the exhibition.

Ms. Ross-Sutton has co-curated and curated successful international group exhibitions at renowned institutions such as the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) and CFHILL. Stockholm, Sweden. Ross-Sutton recently opened a namesake gallery in New York. Her inaugural show, BLACK VOICES: Friend of My Mind, is the largest exhibition of emerging and contemporary artists from the African Diaspora ever staged in the United States. Independently, she advises several private institutions and international collectors on acquisitions of contemporary art with a focus on African and African American art. In her eyes, "showing a wide range of opinions, voices, and countless expressions of beauty is essential in a world where compassion and connection is needed now more than ever" (D. Black Voices/Black Microcosm, April-9 2020, Ross. quoted in exh. cat., May https://www.cfhill.com/black-voices-black-microcosm-by-destinee-ross).

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About Destinee Ross-Sutton

Destinee Ross-Sutton is an international art curator, advisor, artist manager and gallerist based in NY. The main body of her curatorial work over the last three years has been carried out in her capacity as chief curator for a major Black Arts Foundation opening in 2021. www.Ross-Sutton.com

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