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### **Contessa Gallery: Showcasing a special presentation of Mr. Brainwash works at Art Miami 2014**

**Monday, December 1, 2014, Cleveland, OH** – Contessa Gallery is thrilled to be participating in Art Miami, which is the leading international contemporary and modern art fair. This is a notable year for Art Miami as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Art Miami works with the most respected and influential galleries to feature important artists and artworks from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Contessa Gallery's booth will be exhibiting new works by notable Contemporary artists Mr. Brainwash, David Datuna, and David Drebin, as well as iconic works by modern masters such as Jasper Johns, Helen Frankenthaler, and Chuck Close.

In an unprecedented move, Contessa Gallery will be exhibiting in two booths at Art Miami, with one booth dedicated exclusively to a special presentation of the work of Mr. Brainwash. Thierry Guetta, internationally known as Mr. Brainwash, followed and documented street artists on film beginning in 1999, ultimately filming the most famous street artist: Banksy. At the encouragement of Banksy, Guetta began creating his own street art and had his first solo show as Mr. Brainwash in 2008. Mr. Brainwash's artistic evolution is documented in the Banksy-directed and Oscar-nominated film, *Exit Through the Gift Shop*. Known for his Pop Art feel and street-art style, Guetta will be transforming the booth to reflect his own studio space. The entire booth will be complete with painted walls and materials used to create his dynamic work, pulling viewers into the world of Mr. Brainwash and immersing them amongst his new works made specifically for Art Miami.

### **About Contessa Gallery**

Founded in 1999, Contessa Gallery offers artworks of exceedingly high quality as well as art acquisition counsel to collectors, museums, and institutions. Areas of expertise encompass pre-twentieth century, Modern and Contemporary sculpture, paintings, photography, and works on paper. While many galleries focus primarily upon artist representation and promotion, Contessa Gallery is collector oriented. The Gallery's mission is to assist clients in developing collections that have deep personal meaning. Contessa Gallery encourages its clients to view their collections as a legacy to be passed down through generations of family or on to museums.

The gallery continues to expand its clientele and reputation through its participation in prestigious art fairs such as Art Miami, The American International Fine Art Fair (AIFAF), and The Armory Show – Modern. At the philanthropic level, Contessa Gallery seeks to make a difference in the community through the contribution of time, expertise, sponsorship, and educational programming for museums and arts organizations.

**For more detailed information about the gallery, artists, exhibition history, art fair schedule, and philanthropic support, please visit our website: [www.contessagallery.com](http://www.contessagallery.com) or contact Steve Hartman at 216.956.2825 or via email: [art@contessagallery.com](mailto:art@contessagallery.com).**

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