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**The Phillips Collection Receives Prestigious  
Northern Trust Purchase Prize at EXPO CHICAGO**



WASHINGTON, DC—The Phillips Collection is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of the **Northern Trust Purchase Prize** at **EXPO CHICAGO 2026**, one of the nation’s leading contemporary and modern art fairs. Through the award, the museum will acquire ***Untitled (Heads No. 36) (1991)*** by **Paul Gardère**, presented by **Magenta Plains (New York)**, and ***Indo buscar Sá Rainha (Going to Fetch Sá Rainha) (2026)*** by **Diego Mouro**, presented by **Mitre Galeria (Belo Horizonte, São Paulo)**.

Presented by Northern Trust and EXPO CHICAGO, the Purchase Prize supports the acquisition of artworks from the fair’s *Focus* section, highlighting emerging galleries and artistic practices, for inclusion in the permanent collections of leading US museums. This year, four institutions were selected, including The Phillips Collection.

**WHERE:**

EXPO CHICAGO 2026  
Northern Trust Exchange Stage  
Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

The award underscores The Phillips Collection’s continued commitment to expanding its collection with works by contemporary artists and advancing its mission as a “living museum,” where new voices and perspectives are actively integrated into the collection.

“We are deeply honored and grateful to receive a Northern Trust Purchase Prize supporting the acquisition of works by Paul Gardère and Diego Mouro from this year’s *Focus* section at EXPO CHICAGO,” said **Elsa Smithgall, Chief Curator of The Phillips Collection**. “This exciting gift furthers the Phillips’s longstanding commitment to acquiring art by pioneering voices in contemporary art. In keeping with our founder Duncan Phillips’s legacy, these acquisitions spark new connections and vitality in the collection.”

The acquisition made possible through the prize will further strengthen the museum’s holdings of contemporary art and support its ongoing efforts to present innovative, artist-driven programming. Northern Trust is also a valued supporter of The Phillips Collection, including as a sponsor of the exhibition *Miró and the United States*.

High-resolution press images are available upon request. Please contact [lcantrell@phillipscollection.org](mailto:lcantrell@phillipscollection.org).

**IMAGE:** Image by Casey Kelbaugh/CKA. Photo Courtesy EXPO CHICAGO.

#### **ABOUT THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION**

Founded in 1921, The Phillips Collection is a welcoming home for all where the vision and spirit of artists thrive in intimate settings. As the first museum of modern art in the United States, the Phillips houses one of the world’s most celebrated Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and modern art collections, and continues to grow its permanent collection with the work of important living artists. Its distinctive domestically scaled architecture combines three structures built over more than 125 years, among them the former home of the founders, Duncan and Marjorie Phillips. The Phillips’s impact extends nationally and internationally through its diverse, scholarly exhibitions; award-winning education programs for educators, students, and adults; and renowned Phillips Music series. Popular and impactful programs include those focused on art and wellness, its festive monthly Phillips after 5 events, and intimate Living Room talks. Through authentic programs and partnerships at Phillips@THEARC, the museum’s satellite location in Southeast DC, the Phillips extends its reach into Wards 7 and 8 and Prince George’s County, Maryland. The Phillips Collection is a private, non-government museum, supported primarily by donations.

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**ABOUT EXPO CHICAGO**

EXPO CHICAGO showcases leading contemporary and modern art galleries each April at Navy Pier’s Festival Hall, alongside a diverse and inventive program of talks, on-site installations, and public art initiatives. Inaugurated in 2012, EXPO CHICAGO draws upon the city’s rich history as a vibrant international cultural destination, while highlighting the region’s contemporary arts community. In 2023, EXPO CHICAGO was acquired by Frieze, the world’s leading platform for modern and contemporary art. For more information on EXPO CHICAGO, visit [expo-chicago.com](https://expo-chicago.com).

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