

RxART ANNOUNCES RASHID JOHNSON INSTALLATION AT LUCILE PACKARD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STANFORD



© Rashid Johnson, *Escape*, 2023. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. Photo: Glen Cheriton, 2023.

Palo Alto, CA – February 23, 2023 – RxART, a non-profit organization that commissions established contemporary artists to transform children's hospital settings into engaging and uplifting healing environments at no cost to the hospitals, is thrilled to unveil the recent installation of Rashid Johnson's RxART project at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. His "Seascape" imagery crowns the hospital's two Gastroenterology treatment rooms, where over 18,000 patients receive care annually. In the busy rooms patients will be able to focus their attention on Johnson's blue boat-like images floating along the walls above the bright lights. His kaleidoscopic "Escape" imagery has been installed in a Serenity Lounge and three waiting rooms in the hospital's Johnson Center for Pregnancy and Newborn Services that cater to approximately 4,500 expectant and new mothers each year, along with their family members.

"It has been a pleasure working with Rashid to bring his iconic work to such a prestigious and pioneering children's hospital as Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford," said Diane Brown, RxART's Founder and President. *"His mesmerizing imagery will truly transport patients, taking their minds off of anxiety or pain, providing an uplifting and calming outlet for them to focus on instead."*

Rashid Johnson shared, *"RxART is such an amazing organization. I couldn't be happier to be*

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collaborating with them and hopefully making children and families who are experiencing a complicated time, feel a little bit better.”

“Our patients and families always benefit from the peaceful distractions that art can provide a clinical environment, and these murals are in two highly used spaces within Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford,” said Jill Sullivan, RN, Senior VP of Strategic Space Planning and General Services. “We look forward to witnessing their immediate impact and the joy they bring to our diverse population.”

RxART is thrilled to not only unveil the completion of Johnson’s installations at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford but to also announce that the leadership at the University of Minnesota’s Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain (MIDB) has commissioned Johnson to bring his “Seascape” imagery to the MIDB MRI Suite. RxART produces every project at no cost to the hospital and provides each commissioned artist with an honorarium. RxART is deeply grateful to Hauser & Wirth, the generous lead sponsor of Johnson’s Stanford Children’s project, and to Cynthia Zabel, Gould Art Advisory, and David Kordansky Gallery for their support.

RASHID JOHNSON

Rashid Johnson (b. 1977, Chicago) employs a wide range of media to explore themes of art history, individual and shared cultural identities, personal narratives, literature, philosophy, materiality, and critical history. After photography at the Art Institute of Chicago, Johnson’s practice quickly expanded to embrace sculpture, painting, drawing, filmmaking, and installation, yielding a complex multidisciplinary practice imbued with symbolism and personal history. Solo exhibitions include Hauser & Wirth, Menorca, Spain (2022); Storm King Art Center, New Windsor, NY (2021); Hauser & Wirth, London (2020); Museo Tamayo, Mexico City (2019); Aspen Art Museum, Colorado (2019), among others. Johnson’s work is held in public collections including High Art Museum, Atlanta, GA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, where he serves on the Board of Trustees. Johnson lives and works in New York, NY.

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RxART’s mission is to help children heal through the extraordinary power of visual art. RxART commissions established contemporary artists to transform children’s hospital settings into engaging and inspiring healing environments full of beauty, humor, and comfort. RxART has now completed 58 projects with 91 artists in 38 hospitals across 23 cities in the U.S. since it first launched in 2000. Every project is produced at no cost to the partner hospitals and every commissioned artist is provided with an honorarium and the chance to inspire children during their medical journeys. As of 2023, RxART Projects have reached and continue to provide inspiration to more than 3.3 million patients throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.rxart.net

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