## **Book Announcement:**

## Young, Gifted and Black: A New Generation of Artists

A mission-driven collection of works by Black artists that brims with renewed urgency

<u>Young, Gifted and Black</u> surveys the work of a new generation of Black artists and features the voices of a diverse group of curators who are on the cutting edge of contemporary art. As mission-driven collectors, Bernard I. Lumpkin and Carmine D. Boccuzzi have championed emerging artists of African descent through patronage, advocacy and institutional support. But until now there has never been an opportunity to consider the scope and impact of their acclaimed collection.

Young, Gifted and Black is edited by writer Antwaun Sargent (The New Black Vanguard: Photography Between Art and Fashion) and features over 100 artworks in all media that explore representation, race and the history of art. A gathering of dynamic voices, the book also includes a wide-ranging conversation between Lumpkin and Thelma Golden, director and chief curator of The Studio Museum in Harlem; an in-depth essay by Sargent situating Lumpkin in an influential lineage of Black art patrons; and a critical analysis of this new generation of artists in the context of their peers and forebears by curator Jessica Bell Brown.

A landmark publication, this book captures what it means — in the words of Lorraine Hansberry and Nina Simone — to be young, gifted and Black in contemporary art. At a moment when America is wrestling anew with race and racism and debates about equality and inclusion in the art world have taken on greater urgency, *Young, Gifted and Black* assesses how these artists are shaping the way we think about identity, politics and art history.

The book accompanies a traveling exhibition by the same name. For more information on exhibition dates and venues, visit <u>younggiftedblack.com</u>.

Young, Gifted and Black: A New Generation of Artists
The Lumpkin-Boccuzzi Family Collection of Contemporary Art

Edited with essay by Antwaun Sargent. Text by Graham C. Boettcher, Jessica Bell Brown, Connie H. Choi, Anthony Graham, Lauren Haynes, Jamillah James, Thomas J. Lax, Hallie Ringle, Adeze Wilford, Gordon Dearborn Wilkins, Matt Wycoff. Interview with Bernard Lumpkin by Thelma Golden

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## **ARTISTS INCLUDE**

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