

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Galerie Lelong and P•P•O•W  
congratulate  
Carolee Schneemann  
on receiving the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement**

Carolee Schneemann is the recipient of the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 57th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia – VIVA ARTE VIVA. The decision was made by La Biennale's Board of Directors chaired by Paolo Baratta, upon recommendation of the Curator of the 57th International Art Exhibition, Christine Macel, who stated:

"Carolee Schneemann has been one of the most important figures in the development of performance and Body Art. She is a pioneer of feminist performance, in the early 1960s. She uses her own body as the prevalent material of her art. In so doing, she situates women as both the creator and an active part of the creation itself. In opposition to traditional representation of women merely as nude object, she uses the naked body as a primal, archaic force which could unify energies. Her style is direct, sexual, liberating and autobiographical. She champions the importance of women's sensual pleasure and she examines the possibilities of political and personal emancipation from predominant social and aesthetic conventions. Through the exploration of a large range of media, such as painting, filmmaking, video art and performance, Schneemann re-writes her personal history of art, refusing the idea of an "his-tory" narrated exclusively from the male point of view."

Schneemann will receive the award on Saturday, May 13th, 2017 at Ca' Giustinian, the headquarters of La Biennale di Venezia, during the awards ceremony and inauguration of the 57th Exhibition, which will open to the public at 10:00 a.m. on that same day.

**UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS*****Body and Soul: Performance Art – Past and Present***

Collateral event: La Biennale 2017

Palazzo Pisani

Venice, Italy

May 13 – November 26, 2017

***Carolee Schneemann: Kinetic Painting***

Museum für Moderne Kunst

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

May 31 – September 17, 2017

**Carolee Schneemann: *Kinetic Painting***

MoMA PS1

Long Island City, New York

October 22, 2017 – February 1, 2018

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Image: Carolee Schneemann in Salzburg, 2015. Photo: Andy Archer.