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Date: October 24, 2015

Time: 10:00am to 10:00pm

Venue: Contemporary Arts Center

Address:

44 East Sixth Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Cost: Free

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FotoFocus and the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) in Cincinnati, Ohio, are pleased to announce a symposium on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Robert Mapplethorpe's controversial exhibition, *The Perfect Moment*. Under the leadership of Mary Ellen Goeke, Executive Director of FotoFocus, Contemporary Arts Center Director, Raphaela Platow, and curated by FotoFocus Artistic Director Kevin Moore, the program will include an international roster of curators, critics, artists, and art world professionals who will meet for a two-day event on October 23 and 24, 2015, at the CAC, to discuss the significance and implications of the exhibition and Mapplethorpe's career and legacy as these have evolved over the past 25 years.

Friday

8:30pm After party in the lobby hosted by 3 KNOW WAVE affiliates – DJ Tigga Calore, Cakes da Killa and ByRell.

Saturday

9:00am Breakfast Reception

10:00am Welcome and Overview

10:30am Panel: The Exhibition, The Contemporary Arts Center, and Arts Censorship

Moderated by Raphaela Platow, Director, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, with panelists: Dennis Barrie, Principal, Barrie Projects, and former Contemporary Arts Center Director, Cleveland; Jock Reynolds, Director, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven; H. Louis Sirkin, Senior Counsel, Santen & Hughes, and former trial counsel to Dennis Barrie and the Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati; and Michael Ward Stout, President, The Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, New York

11:30am Comment by Robert Reid-Pharr, Professor, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

12:00pm Panel: The Artist's Circle and Studio

Moderated by Philip Gfelter, Author and Photo Historian, New York, with panelists: Judy Linn, Artist, New York; Robert Sherman, Promoter and Host, Chateau Marmont, Los Angeles; and Carol Squiers, Curator, International Center of Photography, New York

1:30pm Panel: Curators Curate Mapplethorpe

Moderated by Kevin Moore, Artistic Director and Curator, FotoFocus, New York, with panelists: Jennifer Blessing, Senior Curator of Photography, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; Paul Martineau, Associate Curator, Department of Photographs, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles; and Britt Salvesen, Curator, Wallis Annenberg Photography Department, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

3:00pm Closing Keynote by Catherine Opie, Artist and Professor of Photography, University of California, Los Angeles

4:00pm Oral History Reception at the 21c Museum Hotel

Hosted by Sarah Douglas, Editor-In-Chief, ARTnews, New York. Visitors are invited to share their stories of the 1990 Mapplethorpe exhibition, reflect on its impact, and comment on issues raised in the symposium.