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Tanenbaum | Center for Interreligious Understanding to Host Art Auction Fundraiser Event Online & In Person at the Rubin Museum of Art on February 28th.

New York, NY, February 2022: [The Tanenbaum | Center for Interreligious Understanding](#) cordially invites art enthusiasts to join distinguished guests and renowned artists for *Divinely Inspired: Celebrating our Differences through Art*. The auction features work by artists of diverse cultures and faiths, who contributed their art to support and uplift Tanenbaum's mission to promote justice build respect for religious difference.

The silent auction launched February 14th [online](#) and bidding will culminate during the reception at the Rubin Museum of Art from 5:30-7:30pm on February 28th. Bidders and attendees can meet the artists in person at the event. *Divinely Inspired* is the organization's kick-off event for its 30th Anniversary year.

Tickets for the exclusive auction reception at the Rubin Museum are available for purchase on [Tanenbaum's website](#). All works are available at BenefitEvents.com/auction/Tanenbaum for online bidding.



Sailor - Speed of Light, James Rosenquist

Featured artists and artwork include:

Sailor - Speed of Light, by James Rosenquist, one of the champions of the pop art movement alongside contemporaries Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein, is up for bid. This work is a creative riff on Einstein's Theory of Relativity in which the artist and the viewer are considered active participants or passengers in the swirling universe of shared existence.

Lebanese artist Nabil Nahas draws inspiration from Islamic art and American abstract painting of the mid-20th century and makes innovative use of organic materials including seashells and starfish in the piece offered in this auction - *Untitled, 2005*. His works have an all-over composition suggestive of biological growth and the patterning of nature.

[Mark Fowler, Tanenbaum's CEO says](#), "This event is evidence of how art brings us together to celebrate our different beliefs and cultures. Over forty works of art are available for bid, donated by artists from around the world."

Tanenbaum thanks co-hosts and curators, [George Negroponte](#) and Toulia Livanos, as well as Shelley & Donald Rubin who are providing the Rubin Museum for the event. Additional thanks to our sponsors, Tanenbaum Founder and President Dr. Georgette F. Bennett and Dr. Leonard S. Polonsky CBE; Foa &

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Eminent artists include: Grimanesa Amoros, Stephen Antonakos, Leora Armstrong, John Battle, Richard Bram, Eugene Brodsky, Deborah Brown, Louisa Chase, Bill Claps, Paul Davis, Peter Dayton, Adriana Echavarria-Eisenhower, Barbara Friedman, Tria Giovan, Janet Goleas, Lorelei and Alex Gruss, Ariane Guilich, Melinda Hackett, Rose Hartman, Virva Hinnemo, Eric Holzman, Bryan Hunt, Nathan Slate Joseph, Sharon Khazzam, Laurie Lambrecht, Aristides Logothetis, Aphrodite Desiree Navab, George Negroponte, Alexandra Penney, Ellen Phalen, William Quigley, Kazimira Rachal, Erika Ranee , Donald Schreck, Pedro Silva and Stefan Martin, Bert Stern, Leslee Stradford, Miljan Sukovic, Joni Wehrli, Lucy Winton, and Nancy Wong.

The funds raised will support Tanenbaum's work to provide training and educational resources for building respect for religious diversity.

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Tanenbaum promotes justice and builds respect for religious difference by transforming individuals and institutions to reduce prejudice, hatred and violence. More information about Tanenbaum's offerings can be found here: <https://tanenbaum.org/>

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