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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS HONORS ARCHITECT ANNABELLE SELLDORF AND ARTIST CAIO FONSECA AT "FIFTH AVENUE TO FIFTH STREET"

New York, NY (April 9, 2004) -The American Federation of Arts (AFA) will honor architect Annabelle Selldorf and artist Caio Fonseca at "Fifth Avenue to Fifth Street," a party to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. Each of them will be awarded with AFA's first Visionary Award, recognizing the talent and achievements of mid-career artists.

The celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Neue Galerie New York (1048 Fifth Avenue at 86th Street), where AFA Trustee Frank Bennett will present the award to Annabelle Selldorf. At 7:00 p.m., the party will travel by private bus to Caio Fonseca's downtown studio, where AFA Trustee William Cohan will present Caio Fonseca with his award. Admission is \$60 for one ticket and \$100 for two. For information and reservations, call 212.988.7700 ext 30; for press reservations, ext. 41.

Annabelle Selldorf, principal of Selldorf Architects, has designed projects ranging from private galleries to internationally renowned institutions in the United States and Europe. She is perhaps best known for her exquisite minimalist renovation of the Neue Galerie New York. Caio Fonseca, a NYC artist with works in leading public and private collections in Europe and the United States, is known for his abstract paintings of graceful shapes and forms. A one-person exhibition of his work will open at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in the fall of 2004.

The AFA is grateful to party co-chairs Muffy and Frank Bennett and William Cohan and Deb Futter. Party committee members include Jason N.R. Herrick, Sarah and Greg Horn, Meg and Per Jebsen, Lindsay Smith, Shelton Smith, and Laura Vogel.

The AFA originates and organizes art exhibitions that are presented at museums around the world. The AFA also publishes exhibition catalogues and offers educational and professional development programs to benefit the museum community and the general public. For more information, please view the AFA Web site at www.afaweb.org.