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1018 Madison Ave, New York  
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(NEW YORK / CHICAGO - January 12, 2023) – GRAY is pleased to announce *GRAY at 60*, an exhibition and accompanying book commemorating six decades since the gallery's founding in 1963 by Richard Gray (1928-2018). The exhibition features works by sixty historical and living artists whose practices have been integral to the gallery's vision. *GRAY at 60* presents the legacy and future of one of the United States's longest running galleries. The exhibition will open at GRAY Chicago on January 26, 2023 and remain on view through March 11, and will be on view at GRAY New York from March 31 through May 26.

*GRAY at 60* pursues a single material—paper—across more than one hundred years of art history to survey the myriad ways in which artists use the medium as an index of touch and a surface for immediacy. The exhibition takes root in the gallery's intertwined histories of presenting canonical artists alongside those reinventing the canon itself. As gallery principal Paul Gray notes, "From the beginning [of the gallery] there was the eclectic mission of acquiring, exhibiting, and dealing in the masters of the century's first half such as Matisse, Picasso, Léger, Giacometti, and Gorky, combined with representing and exhibiting prominent mid-career artists of the time, Calder, de Kooning, Avery, and Morris Louis, as well as exhibitions for young and emerging artists like 26 year-old Bob Thompson whom the gallery presented in its inaugural show in 1963."

Reflecting on this history, *GRAY at 60* makes space for Modernist, Abstract Expressionist, Pop, Contemporary, and other expansive practices to be shown together. These transhistorical readings posit a logic for the works of Agnes Martin and Barnett Newman to hang alongside a tar paper work by Theaster Gates; for the colorful forms of Joan Miró, Jackson Pollock, Grace Hartigan, and Helen Frankenthaler to enter into dialogue with McArthur Binion's and Carrie Moyer's; for Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse to converse with Alex Katz and David Hockney; for a balance between the sculptors Alexander Calder, Jaume Plensa, and Torkwase Dyson's impressions in two dimensions; and for Rashid Johnson's figures to join those by Jean Dubuffet, Alberto Giacometti, and Philip Guston. In considering these conversions of art-making across time, *GRAY at 60* finds the medium of paper a fitting ledger with which to trace the years past and those to come.

**PUBLICATION | GRAY** is pleased to announce the forthcoming release of *GRAY at 60*, a book accompanying the exhibition and surveying the gallery's six decades of giving a platform to artists' visions. *GRAY at 60* features an extensive contribution from Elizabeth Broun, PhD, Director Emerita of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and texts from artists Bethany Collins, Torkwase Dyson, Theaster Gates, Ewan Gibbs, Rashid Johnson, Alex Katz, Jaume Plensa, and others.

**ABOUT GRAY | GRAY** is a globally recognized team of art professionals devoted to fostering the development of historically important artists' careers and to building outstanding art collections. Founded in 1963, GRAY has built its reputation as a resource for Modern, Post-War, and Contemporary art with prominent private and institutional clients worldwide. Known for producing critically acclaimed exhibitions and programming from its galleries in Chicago and New York, GRAY represents a roster of internationally recognized artists such as McArthur Binion, Jim Dine, Torkwase Dyson, Theaster Gates, David Hockney, Rashid Johnson, Alex Katz, Ellen Lanyon, Jaume Plensa, Leon Polk Smith, and Evelyn Statsinger.

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Magdalena Abakanowicz	Fernand Léger
McArthur Binion	Tony Lewis
Louise Bourgeois	Roy Lichtenstein
Bethany Collins	Jim Lutes
Joseph Cornell	Henri Matisse
Willem de Kooning	Agnes Martin
Jim Dine	Joan Miró
Jean Dubuffet	Henry Moore
Torkwase Dyson	Carrie Moyer
Helen Frankenthaler	Elizabeth Murray
Theaster Gates	Alice Neel
Alberto Giacometti	Louise Nevelson
Ewan Gibbs	Barnett Newman
Arshile Gorky	Pablo Picasso
Philip Guston	Jaume Plensa
Grace Hartigan	Jackson Pollock
Mary Heilmann	Susan Rothenberg
Al Held	Ed Ruscha
Eva Hesse	Richard Serra
David Hockney	Leon Polk Smith
Rashid Johnson	Evelyn Statsinger
Alex Katz	Saul Steinberg
Ellsworth Kelly	John Stezaker
David Klamen	John Storrs
Franz Kline	Bob Thompson
Lee Krasner	Cy Twombly
Yayoi Kusama	jina valentine
Claes Oldenburg	Andy Warhol
Ellen Lanyon	... and others