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Johnson Hartig of Libertine Announced as the Recipient of the 2018 P.S. ARTS heART Award

Los Angeles, Calif. – April 4, 2018 – Johnson Hartig, designer of clothing line Libertine, has been named the recipient of the **2018 P.S. ARTS heART Award** which recognizes and celebrates those who model a commitment to the transformative power of the arts. P.S. ARTS will present the award to Hartig at their third annual Spring fundraising event The pARTy!—an evening of live entertainment and interactive arts activities in support of award-winning arts education programs—taking place in Los Angeles at the Marciano Art Foundation on May 4.

“We are thrilled to honor Johnson Hartig for his support of P.S. ARTS programs and his leadership in teaching and guiding the next generation of artists,” said Dr. Kristen Paglia, CEO of P.S. ARTS, “His work constantly pushes the rules of fashion and his fearless spirit is an inspiration to us and our students.”

“It has been incredibly rewarding to partner with P.S. ARTS ,” said Johnson Hartig, “as a student, I found drawing and designing clothing to be so freeing. But it also takes an insane amount of creativity and courage to put your designs out into the world. I believe that starting with a high quality arts education, we’re giving students the tools to capture that creativity and the guts to share it. Our future will be so much more colorful as a result.”

Hartig will be presented with the heART Award which contains 1000 individually folded origami hearts from the students, staff, and faculty of P.S. ARTS. The evening will also feature specialty cocktails and small bites, P.S. ARTS Studios including improvised poetry by Jacqueline Suskin of Poem Store, a tailor-made experience from The Unincorporated Life, portraits sessions with LA-based artist Robert Vargas, and docent-led tours of the current collection at the Marciano Art Foundation.

All proceeds from The pARTy! support P.S. ARTS’ programs which provides weekly arts instruction to 25,000 public school students across Central and Southern California.

Tickets to the event are \$250 and sponsorship packages are also available. For tickets and more information visit PSARTS.ORG/PARTY.

ABOUT P.S. ARTS

P.S. ARTS' mission is to improve the lives of children by providing arts education to underserved public schools and communities. P.S. ARTS partners with schools to provide more than 25,000 students with year long art education in dance, visual arts, music, and theater. Because being part of a nurturing and productive community is essential to children's well being, P.S. ARTS also seeks to provide professional development for teaching artists and community engagement opportunities to children and families that encourage collaboration, strong community spirit, and a culture of giving back. For more information, visit psarts.org.