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2014 Leo Award Goes to Dimitris Daskalopoulos

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Independent Curators International (ICI) has chosen Greek entrepreneur and art collector Dimitris Daskalopoulos to receive its 2014 Leo Award (named for Leo Castelli) at the organization's annual benefit on November 17. The ICI has picked Daskalopoulos for the work he has done with both the D.Daskalopoulos Collection and his arts non-profit NEON.

“Since 1997, ICI has recognized with the Leo Award the contributions of pioneering individuals who foster new opportunities and supportive environments for contemporary art,” Renaud Proch, ICI's Executive Director, said in a press release. “We pay homage to Dimitris Daskalopoulos's visionary approach to collecting, and to the new models he has explored for exhibiting a collection. Sharing ICI's drive to work internationally, through a network of collaborations, Daskalopoulos established NEON, a 'foundation without walls' to provide support to artists and curators, reach new audiences through free exhibitions and events, while creating an

international network of cultural partnerships. This year, ICI is honored to welcome Dimitris Daskalopoulos into the ranks of the Leos.”

In other ICI awards news, the organization has also announced that Guggenheim curator Nancy Spector will choose the emerging curator to receive the Independent Vision Curatorial Award. This award will also be given at ICI’s fall benefit.