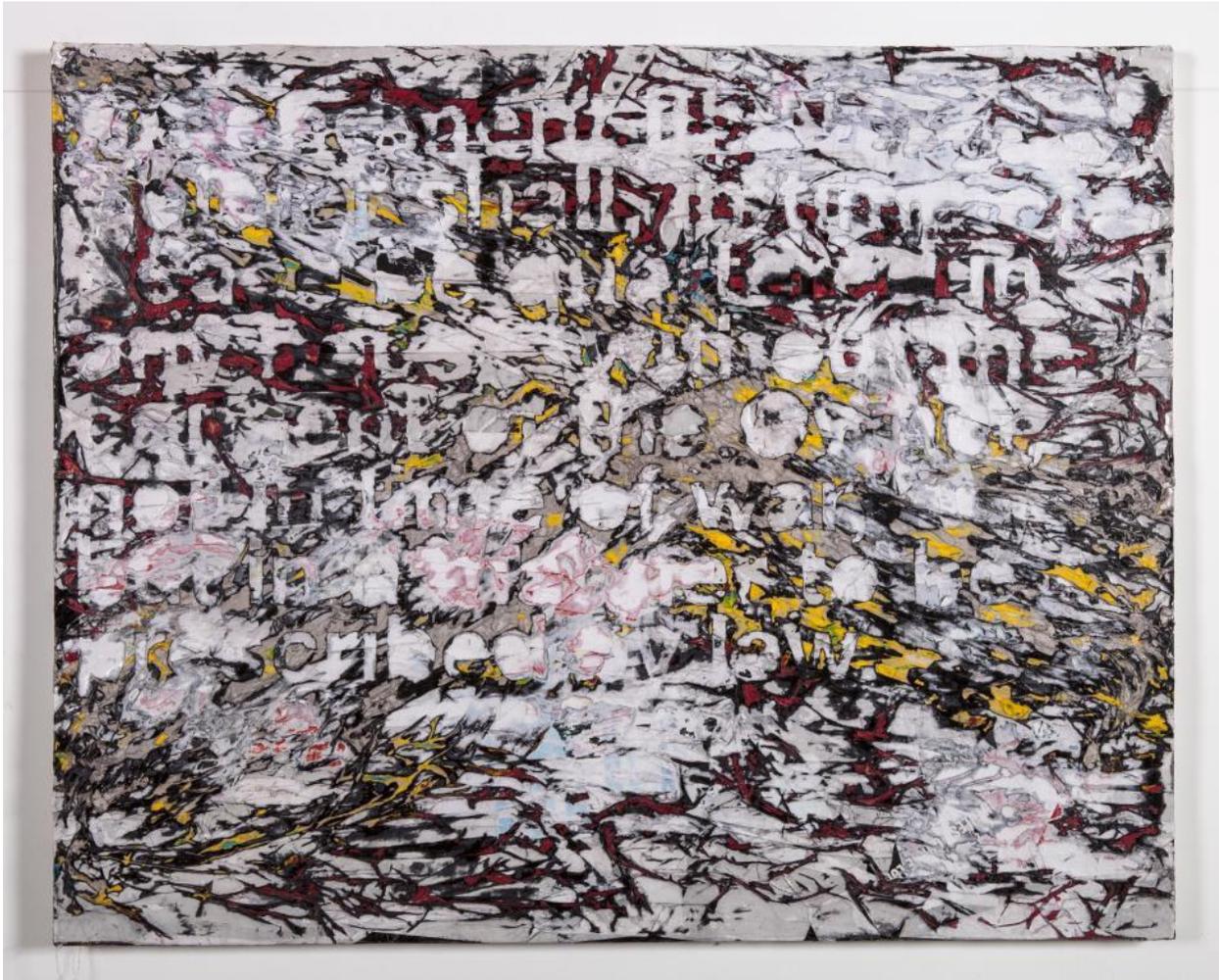


Mark Bradford Gets State Department Medal of Arts



Mark Bradford. Amendment #2, 2013.

Mixed Media on Canvas. 48 x 60in.

Currently on display at the residence of U.S Ambassador to Germany. Courtesy of the artist and Allan DiCastro, Los Angeles, California.

Artist Mark Bradford will receive the US State Department Medal of Arts, Hauser & Wirth gallery has announced, following news yesterday that [Kehinde Wiley](#) will win the award. (See [John Kerry Will Present the State Department Medal of Arts to Kehinde Wiley.](#))

Born in Los Angeles in 1961, Bradford "transforms materials scavenged from the street into wall-sized collages and installations that respond to the impromptu networks—underground economies, migrant communities, or popular appropriation of abandoned public space—that emerge within a city," according to the [US State Department website](#).

Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton honored Cai Guo-Qiang, [Jeff Koons](#), Shahzia Sikander, [Kiki Smith](#), and Carrie Mae Weems as the inaugural Medal of Arts recipients in 2013. The

biannual award was introduced on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of [Art in Embassies](#)(AIE), founded by president John F. Kennedy in 1963 at the suggestion of New York's [Museum of Modern Art](#). Bradford's work has been included in the State Department's Art in Embassies program twice, going on view in exhibitions in Stockholm in 2009 and in Berlin in 2014.

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