

## PETER ANTON (b.1963) Vibrant Selection Signed in black marker, verso, "Peter Anton..." mixed media 28 3/4 x 32 x 4 3/4 in. 73.03 x 81.28 x 12.07 cm 2010

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Peter Anton is a contemporary American artist known for his oversized, lushly detailed, and subtly unsettling sculptures of sweets, pastries, vegetables, and meat. Like Claes Oldenberg, Anton plays with scale; blowing up donuts, lollipops, boxes of chocolate, and banana splits into absurdly large proportions. Concerned with craft as much as concept, Anton carefully renders each detail of his sculptures, down to every last sugar crystal. His work begins first with eating and studying a new food, to familiarize himself with the subject. This is followed by a long process of sculpting, sanding, and painting. "I have an innate reverence for the things we eat," says the artist. "Food was, and continues to be, a strong passion of mine. I get excited learning how different foods activate passions and emotions in people and the profound connection food has to an individual's memories and personal history."

Born in 1963 in New Haven, CT, Anton has gone on to exhibit extensively in solo shows throughout the world, including Henri Gallery in Washington, D.C., Hammer Galleries in New York, Urban Art in Seoul, and Galerie Terminus in Munich among many others. In 2012, his Art Basel Miami installation, SUGAR & GOMORRAH, included a roller coaster that viewers rode through the exhibition, which included his food sculptures, nude models, and ruins of a destroyed city.

Anton's works are widely collected and are featured in several prestigious private, corporate, and museum collections including the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, CT, the Portland Museum of Art, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones, The Jordanian Royal Family, The Dennis Hopper Collection, Susanne & Wolfgang Porsche, Siemens AG, NIKE, and former President Bill Clinton. Anton lives and works in New Haven, CT.

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