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THE BONNIER GALLERY AND OOLITE ARTS' ELLIES AWARDS PRESENT YUCEF MERHI'S LATEST INSTALLATION "COMPASSION"

MIAMI – September 12, 2020 – The Bonnier Gallery is pleased to present Compassion, Yucef Merhi's latest work for his Creator Award given as part of the 2019 Oolite Arts - Ellies Awards. The Ellies celebrate and elevate the careers of individual artists who are the backbone of Miami's visual arts community. The exhibition will open on Saturday, September 12th, 2020 and be on view through December 19th, 2020.

Compassion is an installation that responds to the turbulent times we are living through. It integrates language, video games, sound, and consciousness.

The work is comprised of five CRT TVs with transparent cases connected to five Atari 2600 game consoles and a directional sound system. Each Atari device holds a cartridge programmed and assembled by the artist. These custom cartridges display words depicting one of Merhi's epiphanies: "Compassion is the Divine Compass".

Merhi is a pioneer of Digital Art and is known for exhibiting the first work of art that included a video game console, the Atari 2600. Since 1985, he has been producing a wide body of works that engage with poetry, facial recognition, AI, VR, and retro video game platforms, towards the formulation of dynamic linguistic experiences. Merhi holds a Master's from NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP).

The Bonnier Gallery is an international art gallery dealing in primary and secondary market works with a principal focus in Minimalist and Conceptual art, as well as, publications of art and poetry. We are currently scheduling viewings for groups no larger than six. For additional information or to book an appointment please contact christina@thebonniergallery.com