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## Pizzuti Collection Announces Upcoming Exhibition Robert Beck | Robert Buck: States of America

**What:** Robert Beck | Robert Buck: States of America

**When:** May 10, 2016 Member Opening; May 11, 2016 Open to Public

**Where:** The Pizzuti Collection, 632 N. Park Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Columbus, Ohio (April 2016) – The Pizzuti Collection is thrilled to present a solo exhibition of artist Robert Buck. Like no one else, Buck offers a poetic and compassionate reflection on highly charged American experiences. The persistent themes in Robert's work: early childhood development, patriarchy, psychology, the search for identity, gun violence, religion, sexuality, the West, and the history of art. Over thirty drawings, photographs, video, paintings and sculpture will present Buck's sensitive and scholarly works that grapple with the cultural imagery of America and how we respond to the diverse social and cultural challenges today.

The Pizzutis have been collecting Buck's work in depth over the past twenty years; a mutual friendship and admiration between artist and collector highlights the relationship between the creative act of the artist and the art of collecting. The works in this exhibition span the career of the artist who began as Robert Beck and continued under his changed name of Buck.

A member opening will occur on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. The exhibition will be open to the public on the following day, Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Sponsored in part by: David and Carol Aronowitz, Mike and Phaedra Edwards, The Greater Columbus Arts Council and city of Columbus.

### ABOUT THE PIZZUTI COLLECTION:

*The Pizzuti Collection is a nonprofit organization presenting temporary exhibitions of contemporary art from the collection of Ron and Ann Pizzuti. Housed in an historic building located in the Short North Arts District of Columbus, Ohio, the Pizzutis graciously restored and transformed the 18,000 square foot space into several beautiful light-filled galleries, a sculpture garden, and public resource library. Upon completion, the Pizzutis gifted the building to the Pizzuti Collection. Each season we present an exciting range of exhibitions drawn from a collection of paintings, sculpture, film, photography, drawings, and prints that has been ranked as one of the top in the world. We also offer educational programs, lectures, artist talks, and special events throughout the year. While the art comes from the family collection, as a nonprofit organization the Pizzuti Collection belongs to the community.*

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