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Tucson Museum of Art presents 56 outstanding Arizona contemporary artists

Arizona's longest-running, state-wide juried exhibition opens April 1, 2023

Tucson, Arizona (March 9, 2023) – Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block (TMA) celebrates multidisciplinary works and innovation by outstanding Arizona artists in *Arizona Biennial 2023*, a much-anticipated showcase since first organized in 1948. The exhibition is scheduled for April 1, 2023 to October 1, 2023. For emerging artists, this exhibition often provides an opportunity to exhibit their art in a museum setting or to introduce their work to the public for the first time. Museum visitors are also exposed to works by established artists with statewide, national, and international reputations.

Arizona artists over 18 years of age working in any media were invited to submit for consideration for *Arizona Biennial 2023*. From 400 entries, 67 works were selected for exhibition by guest juror Taína Caragol, Curator of painting, sculpture, and Latinx art and history at the National Portrait Gallery. The exhibition contains a variety of media, including video, textiles/fiber arts, photography, painting, works on paper and more. For more information, visit: tucsonmuseumofart.org

"I sincerely thank the Arizona artists who submitted their artworks to our 2023 Biennial, as well as this year's distinguished juror for thoughtfully reviewing over 400 entries. TMA's longstanding state-wide survey of our thriving Arizona arts scene provides an exciting opportunity for museum visitors to discover new and reconsider familiar artists while learning about what caught the juror's eye," remarked Norah Diedrich, the Jon and Linda Ender Director and CEO.

"The Arizona Biennial is considered one of the best venues for seeing what is happening with the visual arts in Arizona. Curators and visitors from around the state and country look to this exhibition to become acquainted with a wide variety of art forms from diverse artists. It showcases imagination, innovation, and masterfully created works of art." said Julie Sasse, Chief Curator

The exhibition is supported by a series of public programs and educational opportunities, including:

- *Arizona Biennial 2023: Artists Spotlight Series*, Join *Arizona Biennial 2023* artists as they discuss their process, share insights on their works in the biennial and discuss how they relate to their larger body of works (Lectures are scheduled Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Stonewall Community Foundation Room)
Additional programs, events, and resources related to *Arizona Biennial 2023* can be found at TucsonMuseumofArt.org

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Arizona Biennial 2023 is presented by Alice and Paul Baker and the Tucson Museum of Art Contemporary Art Society. The 2022/2023 Exhibition Season at TMA is presented by Jim and Fran Allen, Jon and Linda Ender, James and Louise Glasser, and I. Michael and Beth Kasser. AC Hotel Tucson Downtown/Loveblock is the official hotel sponsor of TMA.

High-resolution images and a list of works in the exhibition are available upon request.

Featured Artists

Nicole Antebi
Jacqueline Arias
Holley Bakich
Eli Blasko
Kate Breakey
Cherie Buck-Hutchison
Wade Carter
David Collis
Katie Cooper
Craig Cully
Ashley Czajkowski
Martin Dimitrov
Sasha Escareño-Rosic
Kurt Gibson
Denis Gillingwater
Estephania González
Heather Green
Guillermo Gutierrez
Adam Helms
Brian Hooker
Chris Jagmin
Adia Jamille
Lisa Jensen
Alan Bur Johnson
Saskia Jorda
Tehan Ketema
Joseph Labate

Jessica James Lansdon
Tai Lipan
Alejandro Macias
Matt Magee
Monica Aissa Martinez
Nikki Berger Martinez
Tim Melideo
Brooke Molla
Ann Morton
Catherine Nash
Dale O'Dell
Ryan Parra
Elizabeth Z. Pineda
Alejandra Platt-Torres
Rembrandt Quiballo
Antonio Salazar
Safwat Saleem
lydia see
Perla Segovia
Gary Setzer
Barry L. Shapiro
Doug Shelton
Martina Shenal
Kaitlyn Jo Smith
George Strasburger
Marilyn Szabo
David Taylor
John Tuomisto-Bell
Hyewon Yoon

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Museum Hours:

Thursday – Sunday

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

About Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block

As an institution built upon the original territories of the O’odham, the Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block (TMA) acknowledges the Indigenous Sonoran Desert communities, past and present, who have stewarded this region throughout generations.

TMA connects art to life through meaningful and engaging experiences that inspire discovery, spark creativity and promote cultural understanding. Founded in 1924, TMA encompasses an entire city block in historic downtown Tucson and is committed to developing quality exhibitions, expanding and diversifying its collection and presenting relevant and innovative programs while broadening public access to the arts.

The museum features exhibitions of Modern and Contemporary art, Latin American art from ancient to today, Indigenous arts and Art of the American West. A permanent collection of over 10,000 works of art spans continents, centuries and media. TMA’s campus includes five properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, an art education center and research library, the Museum Store and the highly acclaimed museum restaurant Café a la C’Art. TMA is a private 501(c)(3) charitable arts and education organization. For additional information visit TucsonMuseumofArt.org or call (520) 624-2333.