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**Tucson Museum of Art presents 41 outstanding Arizona contemporary artists**

**Arizona's longest-running, state-wide juried exhibition opens October 19, 2024**

Tucson, Arizona (October 9, 2024) – Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block (TMA) celebrates multidisciplinary works and innovation by outstanding Arizona artists in *Arizona Biennial 2024*, a much-anticipated showcase since first organized in 1948. The exhibition is scheduled for October 19, 2024 to February 9, 2025. This exhibition provides an opportunity for both emerging and established artists to exhibit their art in a museum setting. For each biennial, a new juror from outside the state is chosen to select the works submitted by hundreds of artists and create a cohesive exhibition that serves as an overview of artistic creativity in Arizona.

Arizona artists over 18 years of age working in any media were invited to submit artworks for consideration for *Arizona Biennial 2024*. From 1,426 entries submitted by over 560 artists, 42 works were selected for exhibition by guest juror Natasha Becker, Curator of African Art at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Becker stated:

"The artists featured in the 2024 Arizona Biennial use drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, installation art, and performance to spark critical discussions and impactful experiences about the complex and changing aspects of contemporary American society."

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](http://tucsonmuseumofart.org)

"TMA's longstanding survey of Arizona's thriving arts scene provides an exciting opportunity for museum visitors to discover new and reconsider familiar artistic voices. I appreciate the involvement of this year's esteemed juror and look forward to seeing where our state's artists have found inspiration," remarked Norah Diedrich, the Jon and Linda Ender Director and CEO.

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

**Performance by Camila de Andrade Bianchi**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

3 p.m. – 4 p.m., TMA Campus

Enjoy a performance by *Arizona Biennial 2024* artist Camila de Andrade Bianchi, where she and a partner will play her ceramic instrument *Swallowed by the Sky*, which is included in the exhibit.

**In Conversation: *Arizona Biennial 2024* featuring juror Natasha Becker with artists Camila de Andrade Bianchi and Janet Talmadge Davids**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

3 p.m. – 4 p.m., The Stonewall Foundation Community Room

Celebrate the launch of the *Arizona Biennial 2024* with an engaging conversation featuring juror Natasha Becker and artists Camila de Andrade Bianchi and Janet Talmadge Davids.

### **Participatory Art Installation by Safwat Saleem**

October 19, 2024 – February 9, 2025

10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Community Gallery in the Goodman Pavilion

As part of the *Arizona Biennial 2024*, Safwat Saleem will expand his selected work *The Self-Help Library* as a participatory art installation that extends the Biennial to the Community Gallery!

### **Second SundAZe Family Day @TMA**

Sunday, January 12, 2025

11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Community Gallery in the Goodman Pavilion

On Sunday, January 12 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. during Second SundAZe, join Safwat Saleem in the Community Gallery as he facilitates the various interactive elements on view as part of this installation.

Additional programs related to *Arizona Biennial 2024* can be found at [TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://TucsonMuseumofArt.org)

### **Sponsored by:**

The *Arizona Biennial 2024* is presented by the Contemporary Art Society with additional support from Roger and Ann Looyenga. The 2024/2025 Exhibition Season at TMA is presented by Louise Glasser.

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

### **Featured Artists**

Alejandro Acierto

Lori Andersen

Jacqueline Arias

Judith Austen

Scott Baxter

Theodore Beatty

Clare Benson

Heather Bentz

Laura Spalding Best

Triston Blanton

Synnova Blattman

Alexander Brauer

Manny Burruel

Granville Carroll

Austin Caswell

Linda Chappel

Thomas Coffin

Patrick Curtin

Jan Talmadge Davids

Camila de Andrade Bianchi

Susan Ringstad Emery

Sasha Escareño-Rosic

Shaunté Glover

Drew Grella

Ruxandra Guidi

Erika Lynne Hanson

Reed Hearne

Patricia Katchur

Matthew Kennedy

Danny Le

Serge J-F. Levy

Anita Maksimiuk

Mariel Miranda

Filomena Obono

Godshand Owusu-Appiah

Claire Campbell Park

Safwat Saleem

Liza Stout

Lloyd Ulmer

Denise Yaghmourian

Bobby Zokaite

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**Museum Hours:**

Wednesday – Sunday  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**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 11,000 works of art spans continents, centuries and media. TMA’s campus includes five historic properties, 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](http://TucsonMuseumofArt.org) or call (520) 624-2333.