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The Serial Impulse at Gemini G.E.L.

September 11, 2016–January 2, 2017

Since 1966, the renowned Los Angeles print workshop Gemini G.E.L. has been a vital and innovative force in fine-art printmaking, publishing the work of internationally celebrated artists. LACMA premiered Gemini's very first edition—a series of prints by Josef Albers—and has since collected and exhibited their editions. On the occasion of Gemini's 50th anniversary, *The Serial Impulse at Gemini G.E.L.* will showcase 15 print series, from seminal works by Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, and Frank Stella to more recent series by Richard Serra and Julie Mehretu. For centuries, artists have produced series to develop thematic, narrative, literary, and formal imagery in a sequential manner. This practice was especially prevalent in the 1960s as conceptual, minimalist, and pop artists adopted the serial format to explore the potential of systems and structures related to such notions as rational order and mass production. Artists at Gemini G.E.L. have continued to engage a variety of approaches to serial production, resulting in some of the workshop's most significant publications. *The Serial Impulse* presents a selection of these notable serial projects, many of which have rarely been displayed in their entirety.

Curators: Leslie Jones, Prints and Drawings, LACMA; Naoko Takahatake, Prints and Drawings, LACMA

Itinerary: National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. (October 14, 2015–February 7, 2016)

Credit: The exhibition is organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in association with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Support is provided in part by Laura and Jim Maslon. Additional funding is provided by Linda Poole Maggard, Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art, Noriko Fujinami, Freya and Mark Ivener, Linda Janger, and Ben Shaktman in memory of Dudley Moore.

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Toba Khedoori

September 25, 2016–January 2, 2017

The first major museum show to present the artist's new work and her first survey in 15 years, *Toba Khedoori* explores her meditative body of work, including new work created for the exhibition. Born in Sydney, Australia, in 1964, Khedoori has lived and worked in Los Angeles since 1990. Indebted to the silent, slow, and exacting science of handmade art, Khedoori is often seen as a throwback in an art world awash with rapidly moving images and saturated colors more informed by high-definition computer color than paint. In the last 20 years, the artist has become known for her monumental yet exactly detailed drawings. Khedoori's recent body of work shows her moving confidently into new terrain from her paint-on-waxed paper into oil and canvas. *Toba Khedoori* is an important continuation of LACMA's commitment to presenting compelling explorations of contemporary art.

Curators: Franklin Sirmans, Pérez Art Museum Miami; Christine Y. Kim, Contemporary Art, LACMA

Itinerary: Pérez Art Museum Miami (April 20–September 24, 2017)

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, in collaboration with the Pérez Art Museum Miami. The exhibition is supported in part by the Fellows of Contemporary Art.

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Beyond Bling: Jewelry from the Lois Boardman Collection

October 2, 2016–February 5, 2017

Beyond Bling showcases an extraordinary assemblage of contemporary studio jewelry from the United States, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. The exhibition, which features selections from the gift of Lois and Bob Boardman, explores the use of nontraditional materials and techniques, the ways jewelry can communicate personal or political messages, and the medium's potential to shock and delight. The collection is the first of its kind to enter a museum on the West Coast.

Curators: Rosie Mills, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA and Bobbye Tigerman, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Support was provided in part by the Pasadena Art Alliance and the Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG).

The catalogue was made possible by the Rotasa Foundation, Typecraft, the John and Robyn Horn Foundation, and the Decorative Arts and Design Council of LACMA.

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T.V. on Film

October 8, 2016–March 12, 2017

Television, as both a term and a commodity, is undergoing transformation. Recalling the ubiquitous television set as our daily image provider seems almost quaint, even a bit nostalgic in 2016. Television now registers as benign in light of the constant hover, hum, and hook-up of the internet. Today, our visual feed—of both still and moving imagery—comes from multiple screens in multiple dimensions. Featuring 10 works by renowned photographers, this installation considers the territory of TV as worthy subject, conflicting message, and potent medium.

Curator: Eve Schillo, Photography, LACMA

Credit: This installation was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Awazu Kiyoshi, Graphic Design: Summoning the Outdated

October 15, 2016–May 7, 2017

Designer and artist Awazu Kiyoshi (1929–2009) devoted his career to political advocacy and collaborations within Tokyo's artistic community. In stark contrast to the prevailing modernist dogma, which sought universal and impersonal set of symbols, Awazu imbued his expressive, hand-drawn designs with local traditions. He argued that the designer's mission was "to extend the rural into the city, foreground the folklore, reawaken the past, summon back the outdated." *Awazu Kiyoshi Graphic Design: Summoning the Outdated* focuses on Awazu's books and posters from the late 1960s through the 1970s. Drawing on historic Japanese visual culture as well as his own signature imagery, he created surreal compositions to promote films, theatrical productions, literature, and art exhibitions. Part of LACMA's ongoing initiative to collect and exhibit graphic design, this installation highlights recent gifts to the permanent collection.

Curators: Hollis Goodall, Japanese Art, LACMA and Staci Steinberger, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA

Credit: This installation was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

L.A. Exuberance: New Gifts by Artists

October 30, 2016–April 2, 2017

Since LACMA's establishment, living artists have played an instrumental role in understanding the museum's encyclopedic collection through a contemporary lens. *L.A. Exuberance: Artist Gifts to LACMA* features a selection of works that were given to the museum for its 50th anniversary, as part of a campaign led by artist Catherine Opie. The exhibition features additions to the collection by Edgar Arceneaux, John Baldessari, Uta Barth, Larry Bell, Tacita Dean, Sam Durant, Ken Gonzales-Day, Mark Hagen, Friedrich Kunath, Charles Gaines, Glenn Kaino, Diana Thater, Sterling Ruby, James Welling, Brenna Youngblood, and Mario Ybarra, Jr. This exhibition marks the culmination of LACMA's 50th anniversary year, one that began with historic gifts to the museum represented in *50 for 50: Gifts on the Occasion of LACMA's Anniversary*.

Curator: Rita Gonzalez, Contemporary Art, LACMA

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John McLaughlin Paintings: Total Abstraction

November 13, 2016–April 16, 2017

Long acknowledged in Southern California as one of the most important artists of the postwar period, John McLaughlin (1898–1976) is overdue for a major, critical retrospective. Although he came to painting late, at 48 years old, McLaughlin created a focused body of geometric paintings that are entirely devoid of any connection to everyday experience. Using a technique of layering rectangular bars on adjacent planes of muted color, McLaughlin produced works that provoke introspection and a greater understanding of one's relationship to nature. The exhibition consists of 55 paintings and a selection of collages and drawings that establish McLaughlin as one of the foremost innovators of total abstraction. A fully illustrated catalogue features essays by exhibition curator Stephanie Barron, artist Tony Berlant with curator Lauren Bergman, critic and independent curator Michael Duncan, LACMA's Gail and John Liebes Curator of American Art Ilene Susan Fort, and professor of art at University of California, Los Angeles Russell Ferguson.

Curators: Stephanie Barron, Modern Art, LACMA; Lauren Bergman, Modern Art, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and made possible by the May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation, Inc., Mim Spertus and Ed Victor, and Van Doren Waxter.

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Renaissance and Reformation: German Art in the Age of Dürer and Cranach

November 20, 2016–March 26, 2017

Coinciding with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, *Renaissance and Reformation: German Art in the Age of Dürer and Cranach* brings to Los Angeles some of the greatest achievements of German Renaissance art. The period under consideration (1460–1580) was marked by profound changes in thought, philosophy, science, and religion, which in turn transformed the artists' vision. Artists such as Albrecht Dürer, Lucas Cranach, Hans Holbein, Mathias Grünewald, Tilman Riemenschneider, Peter Vischer, and a host of others reflected this new vision of the world in their works. The period was marked by conflicts, civil wars, and complex relationships with neighboring countries, but also witnessed a flourishing of many states and cities, reflected in the skills of their craftsmen. The exhibition comprises over 100 pieces, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, arms and armors, as well as decorative arts.

Curator: J. Patrice Marandel, European Art, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, and the Bayerische Staatsgemäldesammlungen München, and made possible by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Picasso and Rivera: Conversations Across Time

December 4, 2016–April 30, 2017

Pablo Picasso and Diego Rivera were contemporaries, erstwhile competitors, equally ambitious and prolific as artists, internationally famous, and well aware of their larger-than-life personalities. *Picasso and Rivera: Conversations Across Time* presents moments of intersection in the formation of modernism both in Europe and Latin America, and asks how these towering figures of the 20th century engaged with their respective ancient Mediterranean and Pre-Columbian worlds. The exhibition compares their artistic trajectories beginning with their similar academic training to their shared investment in Cubism and their return to an engagement with antiquity from the 1920s through the 1950s. By placing 150 paintings, etchings, and watercolors in dialogue with each other and with singular ancient objects, *Picasso and Rivera: Conversations Across Time* aims to advance the understanding of Picasso and Rivera's practice, particularly in how their contributions were deeply influenced by the forms, myths, and structures of the arts of antiquity.

Curators: Michael Govan, Wallis Annenberg Director and CEO, LACMA; Diana Magaloni, Art of the Ancient Americas, LACMA

Itinerary: Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico City (May 31–September 10, 2017)

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes.

This exhibition is sponsored by Christie's.

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Moholy-Nagy: Future Present

February 12–June 18, 2017

The first comprehensive retrospective of the work of László Moholy-Nagy (1895–1946) in the United States in nearly 50 years, this long overdue presentation reveals a utopian artist who believed that art could work hand-in-hand with technology for the betterment of humanity.

Moholy-Nagy: Future Present examines the career of this pioneering painter, photographer, sculptor, and filmmaker as well as graphic, exhibition, and stage designer, who was also an influential teacher at the Bauhaus, a prolific writer, and later the founder of Chicago's Institute of Design. The exhibition includes more than 250 works in all media from public and private collections across Europe and the United States, some of which have never before been shown publicly in the U.S. Also on display is a large-scale installation, *Room of the Present*, a

contemporary construction of an exhibition space originally conceived by Moholy-Nagy in 1930. Though never realized during his lifetime, the *Room of the Present* illustrates Moholy's belief in the power of images and various means by which to disseminate them—a highly relevant paradigm in today's constantly shifting and evolving technological world.

Curators: Carol S. Eliel, Modern Art, LACMA; Karole P.B. Vail, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; and Matthew S. Witkovsky, The Art Institute of Chicago

Itinerary: Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (May 27–September 7, 2016); The Art Institute of Chicago (October 2, 2016–January 3, 2017)

Credit: This exhibition is organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, and the Art Institute of Chicago. This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The Inner Eye: Vision and Transcendence in African Arts

February 26–July 9, 2017

The Inner Eye: Vision and Transcendence in African Arts features 100 outstanding works, which explore how the arts and their visual regimes enable transitions from one stage of life to the next and from one state of being to another. The spiritually charged works in this exhibition acknowledge African artists as visionary agents of transformation. Figures, masks, initiation objects, and reliquary guardians lead humans to spirit realms, to the afterlife, and to the highest levels of wisdom. Many works possess downcast eyes of contemplation and spiritual reverence, while others depict piercing projections of power and protection, or a multiplicity of eyes for heightened vigilance and awareness.

Curator: Polly Nooter Roberts, African Art, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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Los Angeles to New York: The Dwan Gallery 1959–1971

March 19–September 10, 2017

Los Angeles to New York: The Dwan Gallery 1959–1971 presents the storied history of the Dwan Gallery, one of the most important galleries of the postwar period in the U.S., and the dealer and patron Virginia Dwan. Founded by Dwan in a storefront in Westwood in 1959, the Dwan Gallery was a leading avant-garde space during the 1960s, presenting groundbreaking exhibitions by Franz Kline, Philip Guston, Ad Reinhardt, Robert Rauschenberg, Larry Rivers, Ed Kienholz, and Claes Oldenburg, among others. A keen follower of contemporary French art, Dwan gave many of the Nouveau Réalistes their first shows in the U.S. In 1965 she established

a second space in New York City; Dwan New York would go on to provide the first platform for now-major tendencies in the history of contemporary art including Minimal Art, Land Art, and Conceptual Art. She was a leading patron of earth works and sponsored major projects including: Heizer's *Double Negative* (1969) and *City* (begun 1972); Smithson's *Spiral Jetty* (1970); De Maria's *Lightning Field* (1977); and Charles Ross's *Star Axis* (begun 1971). Dwan was a major force in the international art world yet has received relatively little attention due in part to the closure of her gallery only after 11 years in 1971 (her Los Angeles space closed in 1967). Featuring paintings, sculpture, and drawings by Franz Kline, Claes Oldenburg, Andy Warhol, Ed Kienholz, Carl Andre, Dan Flavin, Robert Smithson, Sol LeWitt, Niki di Saint Phalle, Mel Bochner, and Nancy Holt, among others, this exhibition retrieves Dwan's singular contributions and reexamines the important history she made, highlighting in particular the increasing mobility of the art world during the late 1950s.

Curator: Stephanie Barron, Modern Art, LACMA

Itinerary: National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. (September 30, 2016–January 29, 2017)

Credit: This exhibition is organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington. Support is provided by Virginia Dwan.

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Polished to Perfection: Japanese Cloisonné from the Collection of Donald K. Gerber and Sueann E. Sherry

May 28, 2017–TBD

The 1830s marked the beginning of a renaissance in Japanese cloisonné production. Though small objects incorporating enamels were produced in Japan prior to the 19th century, a new generation of artisans developed techniques that enabled the creation of three-dimensional vessels, greater flexibility in surface design, and a number of different enameling styles. During the “golden age” of Japanese cloisonné production (approximately 1880–1910), intricate decorations, sophisticated use of color, expanding varieties of form, and flawless surface finishes became the hallmarks of Japanese cloisonné wares. *Polished to Perfection* presents approximately 150 works from the collection of Donald K. Gerber and Sueann E. Sherry. Built over the course of more than four decades, the collection contains works crafted by the most accomplished Japanese cloisonné masters of the time including Namikawa Yasuyuki (1845–1927), Namikawa Sōsuke (1847–1919), Hayashi Kodenji (1831–1915), and Kawade Shibatarō (1856–1921). The artists represented in this exhibition raised the art of cloisonné enamel to a level of unparalleled technical and artistic perfection.

Curator: Robert T. Singer, Japanese Art, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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HOME—So Different, So Appealing

June 11–October 15, 2017

Organized in collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, *HOME—So Different, So Appealing* features U.S. Latino and Latin American artists from the late 1950s to the present who have used the deceptively simple idea of "home" as a powerful lens through which to view the profound socioeconomic and political transformations in the hemisphere. Spanning seven decades and covering art styles from Pop Art and Conceptualism to "anarchitecture" and "autoconstrucción," the artists featured in this show explore one of the most basic social concepts by which individuals, families, nations, and regions understand themselves in relation to others. In the process, their work also offers an alternative narrative of postwar and contemporary art. The show will include works by internationally known figures such as Daniel Joseph Martinez, Gordon Matta-Clark, Raphael Montañez Ortiz, Guillermo Kuitca, and Doris Salcedo, as well as younger emerging artists such as Carmen Argote and Camilo Ontiveros. Including a wide range of media that often incorporate material from actual homes, the exhibition also features several large-scale installations and an outdoor sculpture.

Curators: Pilar Tompkins Rivas, Director, Vincent Price Art Museum; Chon Noriega, UCLA; Carmen Ramirez, Latin American Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Itinerary: Museum of Fine Arts Houston (November 19, 2017–February 4, 2018)

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Chicano Studies Research Center, University of California, Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Major support provided by the Getty Foundation.



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Chagall: Fantasies for the Stage

July 30, 2017–January 7, 2018

Chagall: Fantasies for the Stage highlights the principal role that music and dance played in Chagall's artistic practice, which is deeply linked to his Russian birthplace and upbringing. A significant source of inspiration and a central theme throughout his extensive oeuvre, music permeated Chagall's engagement with modernism, from his early canvases in the 1910s to his first creations for the stage in the 1920s and his monumental set designs of the 1940s–1960s. LACMA's presentation of Chagall's vibrant costumes and set designs—some of which have never been exhibited before—includes works from the ballets *Aleko* by Tchaikovsky (1942), *The Firebird* by Stravinsky (1945), *Daphnis and Chloé* by Ravel (1958), and Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute* (1967). In addition, the exhibition features a selection of iconic paintings depicting musicians and lyrical scenes, numerous sketches of his theatrical productions, and documentary footage of original performances. In bringing these pieces together, *Chagall: Fantasies for the Stage* communicates the moving and celebratory power of music and art, and spotlights this important aspect of the artist's career.

Curator: Stephanie Barron, Modern Art, LACMA

Itinerary: Montréal Museum of Fine Arts (January 24–June 11, 2017)

Credit: Organized by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Initiated by the Philharmonie de Paris - Musée de la musique, and La Piscine - Musée d'art et d'industrie André Diligent, Roubaix, with the support of the Chagall estate.

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Playing with Fire: Paintings by Carlos Almaraz

August 6–December 3, 2017

Playing with Fire: The Art of Carlos Almaraz is the first major retrospective of one of the most influential Los Angeles artists of the 1970s and 1980s. Arguably the first of the many Chicano artists whose artistic, cultural, and political motivations catalyzed the Chicano art movement in the 1970s, Almaraz began his career with political works for the farm workers' causa and co-founded the important artist collective Los Four. Although he saw himself as a cultural activist, Almaraz straddled multiple—and often contradictory—identities that drew from divergent cultures and mores, and his art became less political in focus and more personal, psychological, dreamlike, even mythic and mystical as he evolved artistically. The first to focus predominantly on Almaraz's large-scale paintings, the exhibition features more than 60 works and includes pastels, ephemera, and notebooks, mostly from 1967 through 1989, the year of the artist's untimely death at age 48.

Curator: Howard Fox, Independent Curator

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Major support provided by the Getty Foundation.



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A Universal History of Infamy

August 20, 2017–January 21, 2018

Referencing the title of a genre-bending collection of stories by Jorge Luis Borges, *A Universal History of Infamy* uses multiple venues across Los Angeles to present new works by more than 15 boundary-defying artists and collectives. Developed for the most part through residencies at the 18th Street Arts Center in Santa Monica, the works represent artists who live and practice in several countries; adopt methods from disciplines such as anthropology, theater, and linguistics; mingle research with visual art; and work across a range of media, from installation and sculpture to performance and video.

Curators: Rita Gonzalez, Contemporary Art, LACMA; Pilar Tompkins Rivas, Director, Vincent Price Art Museum; José Luis Blondet, Special Initiatives, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Major support provided by the Getty Foundation.



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Found in Translation: Design in California and Mexico, 1915–1985

September 17, 2017–February 11, 2018

Found in Translation: Design in California and Mexico, 1915–1985 is a groundbreaking exhibition and accompanying book about design dialogues between California and Mexico. Its four main themes—Spanish Colonial Inspiration, Pre-Columbian Revivals, Folk Art and Craft Traditions, and Modernism—explore how modern and anti-modern design movements defined both locales throughout the 20th century. Half of the show's more than 300 objects represent architecture, conveyed through drawings, photographs, films, and models to illuminate the unique sense of place that characterized California's and Mexico's buildings. The other major focus is design: furniture, ceramics, metalwork, graphic design, and murals. Placing prominent figures such as Richard Neutra, Luis Barragán, Charles and Ray Eames, and Clara Porset in a new context while also highlighting contributions of less familiar practitioners, this exhibition is the first to examine how interconnections between California and Mexico shaped the material culture of each place, influencing and enhancing how they presented themselves to the wider world.

Curators: Wendy Kaplan, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA; Staci Steinberger, Decorative Arts and Design, LACMA

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Pinxit Mexici: Painted in Mexico, 1700–1790

November 19, 2017–March 18, 2018

Pinxit Mexici: Painted in Mexico, 1700–1790 is a groundbreaking exhibition devoted to 18th-century Mexican painting, a vibrant period marked by major stylistic developments and the

invention of new iconographies. The exhibition's over 120 works (many unpublished and restored for the exhibition), will make a lasting contribution to our understanding of Mexican painting in particular and transatlantic artistic connections in the 18th-century in general. Its six main themes—Great Masters, Master Story Tellers, Paintings of the Land, The Power of Portraiture, The Allegorical World, and Imaging the Sacred—explore the painters' great inventiveness and the varying contexts in which their works were created. The exhibition represents the first and most serious effort to date to reposition the history of 18th century painting in Mexico; it will be accompanied by a fully-illustrated publication, complete with scholarly essays authored by the leading experts in the field. Co-organized with Fomento Cultural Banamex, Mexico City, the exhibition will subsequently travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Curator: Ilona Katzew, Latin American Art, LACMA

Itinerary: Fomento Cultural Banamex (June 15–October 15, 2017); Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (April 23–August 5, 2018)

Credit: This exhibition was co-organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Fomento Cultural Banamex. The project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support provided by the Bryce R. Bannatyne, Jr. and Elaine Veyna de Bannatyne Living Trust.



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CURRENTLY ON VIEW

Apostles of Nature: Jugendstil and Art Nouveau

August 13, 2016–March 12, 2017

Organized by LACMA's Rifkind Center for German Expressionist Studies, *Apostles of Nature: Jugendstil and Art Nouveau* explores the popular late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century style known as Art Nouveau in France and Jugendstil in Germany. Inspired by the British Arts and Crafts movement, which celebrated craft in an age of advancing industrialization, as well as by Symbolist and Romantic painting, Japanese prints, and folk art, European artists developed a style characterized by highly decorative forms drawn from nature, with curvilinear, serpentine lines and daring whiplashes of color. Art Nouveau quickly spread beyond France and Germany, influencing a range of artistic movements and artists' groups, including the Vienna Secession and the Wiener Werkstätte in Austria. Despite disparate goals, approaches, and materials, Art Nouveau artists across Europe were unified in their desire to make beautiful things, and to make life more beautiful in turn. This exhibition brings together more than 50 objects from across the museum's collections, including prints, posters, books, decorative arts, and textiles, to illustrate

the movement's efforts to create integrated, total works of art, or *Gesamtkunstwerke*, that would bring aesthetic ideals to bear on everyday modern life.

Curator: Andrea Gyorody, Rifkind Center for German Expressionist Studies, LACMA

Credit: This installation was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Alternative Dreams: 17th-Century Chinese Paintings from the Tsao Family Collection

August 7–December 4, 2016

Alternative Dreams: 17th-Century Chinese Paintings from the Tsao Family Collection presents one of the finest existing collections of 17th century Chinese paintings in the United States, formed over a period of 50 years by Bay Area collector and dealer Jung Ying Tsao. The 17th century witnessed the fall of the Chinese-ruled Ming dynasty (1368–1644) and the founding of the Manchu-ruled Qing dynasty (1644–1911), and was one of the most turbulent and creative eras in the history of Chinese art. Comprising 130 paintings, the exhibition explores ways in which artists of the late Ming and early Qing dynasties used painting, calligraphy, and poetry to create new identities as means of negotiating the social disruptions that accompanied the fall of the Ming dynasty. The exhibition presents works by many of the most famous painters of this period—including scholars, officials, and Buddhist monks. *Alternative Dreams* begins with Dong Qichang (1555–1636), universally considered the most protean Chinese artist of the last 500 years, and includes major and previously unpublished works by Gong Xian, Fu Shan, Hongren, Bada Shanren, Daoji, Wang Hui, and Wang Yuanqi.

Curator: Stephen Little, Chinese and Korean Art, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and made possible by the Mozhai Foundation.

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Guillermo del Toro: At Home with Monsters

August 1–November 27, 2016

Guillermo del Toro (b. 1964) is one of the most inventive filmmakers of his generation. Beginning with *Cronos* (1993) and continuing through *The Devil's Backbone* (2001), *Hellboy* (2004), *Pan's Labyrinth* (2006), *Pacific Rim* (2013), and *Crimson Peak* (2015), among many other film, television, and book projects, del Toro has reinvented the genres of horror, fantasy, and science fiction. Working with a team of craftsmen, artists, and actors—and referencing a wide range of cinematic, pop-culture, and art-historical sources—del Toro recreates the lucid dreams he experienced as a child in Guadalajara, Mexico. He now works internationally, with a cherished home base he calls “Bleak House” in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Taking inspiration from del Toro's extraordinary imagination, the exhibition reveals his creative process through his collection of paintings, drawings, maquettes, artifacts, and concept film art. Rather than a traditional chronology or filmography, the exhibition is organized thematically, beginning with visions of death and the afterlife; continuing through explorations of magic, occultism, horror, and monsters; and concluding with representations of innocence and redemption.

Curator: Britt Salvesen, Prints and Drawings and Photography, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Minneapolis Institute of Art, and Art Gallery of Ontario.

Original music and soundscape for this exhibition created by Gustavo Santaolalla.

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Light Reignfall

May 29, 2016–May 29, 2017

James Turrell's *Light Reignfall* is one of the artist's Perceptual Cells—freestanding enclosed structures that provide an immersive experience for one viewer at a time. An individual wears special headphones and lies down on a narrow bed that slides into the spherical chamber; inside, a program of saturated light envelopes the viewer. The intense experience reveals the multidimensional power of light and the complexities of the human eye. Turrell's use of light and space grew out of his interest in perception, a mainstay of perceptual psychology, his major at Pomona College in the early 1960s. It also reflects the strong influence of what has been called "the visual texture" of his native Southern California, particularly the bright and crisp sunlight, the open landscape, and the seascape to the west with its low horizon line.

Credit: Gift of Hyundai Motor as part of The Hyundai Project: Art + Technology at LACMA in honor of the museum's 50th anniversary (M.2016.92)



Agnes Martin

April 24–September 11, 2016

The first retrospective of Agnes Martin's (1912–2004) work in the U.S. since 1992, this extensive exhibition covers the full breadth of her practice, revealing her early and little-known experiments with different media and tracing her development from biomorphic abstraction to the mesmerizing grids and striped canvases that became her hallmark. A seminal artist of the 20th century and a pioneer of abstraction, Agnes Martin's visionary aesthetic and reclusive lifestyle have inspired artists and practitioners across all creative disciplines. Her style, though restrained, underscored her deep conviction in the emotive and expressive power of art. Martin viewed her work as a pursuit of perfection, striving to instill every painting with "beauty, innocence, and happiness." Martin's development of the grid marked a crossroads in the history of abstract painting. By gently inscribing penciled lines over subtle fields of wash and color, Martin established a geometric and spatial language that she would persist in refining and reinterpreting over ensuing decades. An advocate of pure abstraction and kindred with abstract expressionists, Martin was one of the few prominent female artists in the prevailingly masculine art world of the late 1950s and 1960s. In 1967, just as her art was gaining acclaim, Martin abandoned New York City and her practice in pursuit of silence and solitude, traversing the United States and Canada. Settling on a remote mesa outside of Cuba, New Mexico, Martin returned to art-making

in 1972. Working within tightly prescribed and self-imposed limits, Martin continued to make extraordinary, visionary works for over three decades until her death in 2004.

Curators: Michael Govan, Wallis Annenberg Director and CEO, LACMA; Jennifer King, LACMA

Itinerary: Tate Modern (June 3–October 11, 2015); K20 Kustsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen (November 7, 2015–March 6, 2016); Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (October 7, 2016–January 11, 2017).

Credit: Exhibition organized by Tate Modern in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.

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Catherine Opie: O

February 13–October 2, 2016

In her many photographic projects, Catherine Opie has explored the tension between private desire and the public face. With the *O Portfolio*, shown in its entirety for the first time in a Los Angeles museum, she offers an anatomy of sexual practices that are often obscured from public view. The photographs depict sadomasochistic scenarios derived from her participation in San Francisco's bondage community. The project began as a response to Robert Mapplethorpe's *X Portfolio* (1978), which featured scenes of gay male sadomasochism. In contrast to Mapplethorpe's confrontational photographs, Opie presents the subject almost as if it were a faintly recollected dream or incomplete sense memory. Despite its sexually explicit origins, the portfolio is not necessarily about sex, but rather, in Opie's words, "it's about intimacy."

Curator: Ryan Linkof, Photography, LACMA

Credit: This installation was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Islamic Art Now, Part 2: Contemporary Art of the Middle East

January 24, 2016–Ongoing

In recent years, the parameters of Islamic art have expanded to include contemporary works by artists from or with roots in the Middle East. Drawing inspiration from their own cultural traditions, these artists use techniques and incorporate imagery and ideas from earlier periods. Ten years ago, LACMA began to acquire such work within the context of its holdings of Islamic art, understanding that the ultimate success and relevance of this collection lie in building creative links between the past, present, and future. *Islamic Art Now*, a two-part exhibition, marks the first major installations of LACMA's collection of contemporary art of the Middle East. As the second of a two-part program, this exhibition features approximately 31 works by artists from Iran, the Arab world, Turkey, and Azerbaijan, and Northwest Africa, including Shoja Azari, Lulwah Al Homoud, Burhan Doğançay, Fereydoun Ave, Sherin Guirguis, Newsha Tavakolian, Shadi Ghadirian, Hassan Hajjaj, Ahmed Mater, and Faig Ahmed, among others.

Curator: Linda Komaroff, Art of the Middle East, LACMA

Credit: This installation was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Senses of Time: Video and Film-Based Works of Africa

December 20, 2015–January 2, 2017

Our hearts beat to the rhythms of biological time and continents drift in geological time, while we set our watches to the precision of Naval time. Time may be easy to measure, but it is challenging to understand. Five leading contemporary artists of Africa explore temporal strategies to convey how time is experienced—and produced—by the body. Bodies climb, dance, and dissolve in six works of video and film, or “time-based” art. Characters and the actions they depict repeat, resist, and reverse any expectation that time must move relentlessly forward. *Senses of Time* invites viewers to consider tensions between personal and political time, ritual and technological time, bodily and mechanical time. Through pacing, sequencing, looping, layering, and mirroring, diverse perceptions of time are both embodied and expressed. Yinka Shonibare’s European ballroom dancers in sumptuous African-print cloth gowns dramatize the absurdities of political violence as history repeats itself, while Sammy Baloji envisions choreographies of memory and forgetting in the haunted ruins of postcolonial deindustrialization. Berni Searle addresses genealogical time as ancestral family portraits are tossed by the winds and waves of generational loss, as well as the slippages and fragility of time and identity. Moataz Nasr’s work treads on personal identities distorted by the march of time, and Theo Eshetu draws us into a captivating kaleidoscopic space in which past, present, and future converge.

Curators: Polly Nooter Roberts, African Art, LACMA; Karen Milbourne, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.

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Rain Room

November 1, 2015–Ongoing


Random International’s *Rain Room* (2012) is an immersive environment of perpetually falling water that pauses wherever a human body is detected. The installation offers visitors an opportunity to experience what is seemingly impossible: the ability to control rain. *Rain Room* presents a respite from everyday life and an opportunity for sensory reflection within a responsive relationship. Founded in 2005, Random International is a collaborative studio for experimental practice. They use science and technology to create experiences that aim to question and challenge the human experience within a machine-led world, engaging viewers through explorations of behavior and natural phenomena. In the decade following the studio's inception, the focus of Random International’s artistic practice has continuously evolved and today encompasses sculpture, performance, and installation on an architectural scale.

Previously exhibited at London’s Barbican Centre and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the exhibition of *Rain Room* complements the celebration of LACMA’s 50th anniversary. Both efforts are part of LACMA’s Art + Technology initiative, which supports artists experiments with

emerging technology and is inspired by the spirit of the museum's original Art and Technology program (1967–71).

Curator: Jarrett Gregory, Contemporary Art, LACMA

Credit: *Rain Room* is organized by LACMA and is on display courtesy of RH, Restoration Hardware.

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About LACMA

Since its inception in 1965, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) has been devoted to collecting works of art that span both history and geography, in addition to representing Los Angeles's uniquely diverse population. Today LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection that includes more than 130,000 objects dating from antiquity to the present, encompassing the geographic world and nearly the entire history of art. Among the museum's strengths are its holdings of Asian art; Latin American art, ranging from masterpieces from the Ancient Americas to works by leading modern and contemporary artists; and Islamic art, of which LACMA hosts one of the most significant collections in the world. A museum of international stature as well as a vital part of Southern California, LACMA shares its vast collections through exhibitions, public programs, and research facilities that attract over one million visitors annually, in addition to serving millions through digital initiatives such as online collections, scholarly catalogues, and interactive engagement. LACMA is located in Hancock Park, 30 acres situated at the center of Los Angeles, which also contains the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum and the forthcoming Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Situated halfway between the ocean and downtown, LACMA is at the heart of Los Angeles.

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(Left) Wang Yuanqi (1642–1715), 王原祁, *Landscape in the Style of Huang Gongwang*, 仿黄子久山水, Qing dynasty, Kangxi reign, 1704, Hanging scroll, ink and light color on paper, The Tsao Family Collection, L.2012.32.68, photo by Michael Tropea

(Center, left) Portrait of Guillermo del Toro at Bleak House. Photo © Josh White/ JWPictures.com

(Center, right) Roy Lichtenstein, *Reclining Nude*, 1980, artist's proof 3/13, Four-color woodcut and embossing on Arches cover paper, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, (TR.17286.1), © 1980, Estate of Roy Lichtenstein / Gemini G.E.L., photo courtesy Gemini G.E.L.

(Right) Albrecht Dürer, *Portrait of Bernhard von Reesen*, 1521, oil on oak, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (EX.8204.10), photo © Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister / Elke Estel, Hans-Peter Klut / Art Resource, NY

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