



The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) and the Autry Museum of the American West Announce an Unprecedented New Partnership

Details of the partnership to be revealed at a special program on January 9, 2018 at LACMA

(Los Angeles—January 4, 2018)—The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) and the Autry Museum of the American West will announce an unprecedented new partnership at a January 9 program with Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director, and W. Richard West, Jr., President and CEO of the Autry Museum of the American West. The two directors will discuss an evolving and collaborative approach for museums in the 21st century. This new LACMA-Autry partnership allows both museums to expand their programming content through the sharing of collections, joint programs, exhibitions, publications, and more. Via this new model, LACMA and the Autry can now extensively **explore the art of the American West** past and present in photography, paintings, sculpture, and other holdings, as well as **the artistic and cultural connections between the American Southwest, Mexico, and Latin America** through contemporary art as well as traditional media of ceramics, weaving, and more.

As part of the dialogue on January 9, both directors will discuss the future of museums in an ever-changing world.

“The partnership with the Autry Museum is an exciting opportunity for two Los Angeles institutions to combine efforts in telling a broader view of art history through our permanent collections and programming. The idea is to treat our collections as one, and for our curators to work together accordingly,” said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. “This exchange of works and ideas will allow both museums to bolster exhibition content especially in the areas of the historical and contemporary American West, and the exploration of indigenous cultures across the Americas. We also look forward to learning from

the Autry's management of a new state-of-the-art collections, research, and educational facility anticipated to open to the public next year."

W. Richard West, Jr., President and CEO of the Autry said, "Gone is the era when museums could stand alone, separate and apart from each other. Los Angeles is increasingly making a mark for itself both on the strength of its cultural institutions, as well as the degree to which these institutions foster sharing and collaboration. Our partnership, we believe, is an important evolutionary step in that progression. More immediately, I know the Autry and the Autry community will be tremendously enriched and enlivened by way of this deepened association with LACMA."

Program Information:

The Director's Series: Michael Govan and W. Richard West, Jr.

7:30 pm | Tue, January 9, 2018

Bing Theater, LACMA

Free, tickets required

For more information, visit www.lacma.org

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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, mirroring Los Angeles's rich cultural heritage and uniquely diverse population. Today LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of over 135,000 objects that illuminate 6,000 years of art history from new and unexpected points of view. A museum of international stature as well as a vital cultural center for Southern California, LACMA shares its vast collection with the Greater Los Angeles County and beyond through exhibitions, public programs, and research facilities that attract over 1.5 million visitors annually, in addition to serving millions more through community partnerships, school outreach programs, and creative digital initiatives. LACMA's main campus is located halfway between the ocean and downtown, adjacent to the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum and the future home of the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Dedicated to serving all of Los Angeles, LACMA collaborates with a range of curators, educators, and artists on exhibitions and programs at various sites throughout the County.

Location: 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA, 90036. lacma.org

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About the Autry Museum of the American West

The Autry is dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences, and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events, and music—and performs scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry’s collection of more than 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts includes the Southwest Museum of the American Indian Collection, one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States. Visit TheAutry.org for more information.