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Julie Mehretu

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS***Teresa Hubbard / Alexander Birchler: Flora*
January 20–April 7, 2019**

Teresa Hubbard / Alexander Birchler's *Flora* is based on their discoveries about the unknown American artist Flora Mayo, with whom the Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti had a love affair in Paris in the 1920s. While Giacometti is one of the most celebrated artists of the 20th century, Mayo's oeuvre has been destroyed and her biography was previously relegated as a footnote in Giacometti scholarship. Hubbard / Birchler reframe this history and bring Mayo's compelling biography to life through a feminist perspective that interweaves reconstruction, reenactment, and documentary into a hybrid form of storytelling. As a double-sided film installation, each side of *Flora* reveals a different story while sharing the same soundtrack. The work is conceived as a conversation between Mayo and her son, David—whom the artists discovered after an exhaustive search, living near Los Angeles. *Flora* generates a multifaceted dialogue—between a mother and son, Mayo and Giacometti, Paris and Los Angeles, and past and present. Also on view is the accompanying work, *Bust*, inspired by a photograph showing Mayo and Giacometti flanking a portrait bust she made of him. *Bust* comprises a photographic reproduction and reconstruction of Mayo's no-longer-extant sculpture. *Flora* and *Bust* premiered at the Swiss Pavilion of the 57th Venice Biennale in 2017. LACMA's presentation marks its United States debut.

Curator: Stephanie Barron, Modern Art, LACMA

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

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Life Model: Charles White and His Students

February 16–September 14, 2019

Charles White Elementary School Gallery | 2401 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90057

Presented at the original Otis Art Institute campus where Charles White was the first African American faculty member (now an eponymous elementary school and LACMA satellite), this companion exhibition to *Charles White: A Retrospective* illuminates the artist's impact as a teacher. Beyond fostering technical skills, White urged his students to be "thinking artists" and hone distinct points of view. Indicative of this encouragement, the show features artwork in diverse media and modes of expression, alongside sketchbooks, photographs, and archival footage that illuminate his pedagogy. For African American artists in Los Angeles like Kerry James Marshall, Ulysses Jenkins, and Richard Wyatt, White represented a model for carving out a place in the racist art establishment. For others, his influence is most evident in their own work—the celebratory depictions of blackness in Corky McCoy's album covers, Kent Twitchell and Eloy Torres's portraiture, and the sociopolitical commentary in David Hammons and Judith Hernandez's work. Collectively, the assembled objects lend a fuller understanding of White's legacy. One of the most important artists of his time, White cultivated some of the most significant artists of ours.

Curators: C. Ian White and Sarah Jesse.

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

Sponsored by:



Programming for *Life Model: Charles White and His Students* is supported by United Airlines and by the Terra Foundation for American Art as part of Art Design Chicago, an initiative exploring Chicago's art and design legacy.



Charles White: A Retrospective
February 17–June 9, 2019

The first major 21st-century museum retrospective on this famed mid-century artist, *Charles White: A Retrospective* traces White's career and impact in the cities he called home: Chicago, his birthplace; New York, where he joined social causes and gained acclaim; and Los Angeles, where he developed his mature art and became a civil rights activist. The exhibition includes approximately 100 drawings and prints along with lesser-known oil paintings. A superb draftsman, White focused on images of both historical and contemporary African Americans, depicted in ideal portraits and everyday scenes. He extolled their dignity, humanity, and heroism in the face of the country's long history of racial injustice and encouraged his viewers and fellow artists of color to project their own self-worth. White created non-violent images despite escalating racial tensions; only in the mid-1960s did he become frustrated with the slow progress and begin to infuse his work with allusions to the continuing violence, poverty, and disparity of educational, housing, employment, and voting opportunities. Two concurrent and complementary exhibitions will be on view in Los Angeles. *Life Model: Charles White and His Students* (February 16–September 14, 2019) will be on view at LACMA's satellite gallery at Charles White Elementary School, formerly Otis Art Institute, where the artist taught for many years, and *Plumb Line: Charles White and the Contemporary* (March 6–August 25, 2018) will be presented at the California African American Museum, an institution whose establishment White championed.

Curator: Ilene S. Fort, American Art, LACMA

Itinerary: Art Institute of Chicago (June 10–September 3, 2018); Museum of Modern Art, New York (October 7, 2018–January 13, 2019).

Credit: Organized by the Art Institute of Chicago and The Museum of Modern Art, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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Isaac Julien: Playtime

May 5–August 11, 2019

Isaac Julien CBE (b. 1960, London) is an artist and filmmaker whose multi-channel film installations and photographs feature fractured narratives reflecting his explorations into race, class, sexuality, postcolonialism, and representation. Co-founder of Sankofa Film and Video Collective in 1983 and Normal Films in 1991, Julien has won numerous awards and honors and has had over 60 solo exhibitions worldwide. Marking the artist's first major presentation in Los Angeles, *Playtime* (2014) is a captivating critique of the influence of capital in the art world. It stars James Franco, Maggie Cheung, Colin Salmon, and auctioneer Simon de Pury, among others. The seemingly disparate narratives of six vignettes demonstrate the various levels at which the flow of money has an affect on the production, dealing, and collecting of contemporary art, and the lives impacted by the system. *Playtime* has been exhibited at Fort Mason, San Francisco (2017), Platform-L Contemporary Arts Center, Seoul (2017); and Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City (2016); among other venues around the globe.

Curator: Christine Y. Kim, Contemporary Art, LACMA

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

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Frank Stella: Selections from the Permanent Collection

May 5–November 17, 2019

Frank Stella (b. 1936) has been one of the most pivotal figures in the development of modern art since the late 1950s. Working in multiple mediums, he has created an extensive body of work that has persistently challenged the conventions of art making and expanded its definitions. Over the past 60 years Stella has pushed the boundaries of Abstract Expressionism, helped usher in Minimalism, and blurred distinctions between painting and sculpture, continuously experimenting with new materials, abstract forms, and innovative techniques. *Frank Stella* will feature a selection of works from LACMA's permanent collection—many of which have not been on view in over 30 years—that represent significant developments in the artist's oeuvre. From an example of his groundbreaking "Black Paintings" of the 1950s to his recent monumental sculpture, this exhibition will present a glimpse into the rich trajectory of Stella's career.

Curator: Katia Zavistovski, Modern Art, LACMA

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

Eleanor Antin: Time's Arrow

May 12–July 7, 2019

One of the most important feminist artists of her generation, Eleanor Antin (b. 1935) challenged definitions of sculpture, performance, self-portraiture, and documentation with her 1972 work *CARVING: A Traditional Sculpture*. Consisting of 148 black-and-white photographs, *CARVING* shows the transformation of Antin's body as she lost 10 pounds over the course of 37 days. In 2017, Antin restaged her landmark performance. In *CARVING: 45 Years Later*, the artist again documented herself as she "carved" her body, producing 500 black-and-white photographs over the course of 100 days. *Eleanor Antin: Time's Arrow* brings together both *CARVING* series, a new self-portrait, and a related serial work from the 1970s, provoking reflection on discipline, vulnerability, and the passage of time.

Curator: Dhyandra Lawson, Photography, LACMA

Credit: This exhibition is organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, with the Art Institute of Chicago.

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Beyond Line: The Art of Korean Writing

June 16–September 29, 2019

Beyond Line: The Art of Korean Writing will be the first exhibition held outside of Asia to focus on the history of writing and calligraphy in Korea. Believed to mirror one's qualities as a human being in ways unmatched by any other art, calligraphy has long been considered one of the highest art forms in Korea. This exhibition, organized both conceptually and chronologically, explores the role of calligraphy in different strata of Korea society over nearly two millennia, and includes works both in *hanja* (Chinese ideographic characters) and *hangeul* (the unique Korean phonetic script). The lives and legacies of writers and calligraphers will be examined through works by kings and queens, officials and scholars, painters and monks, and even slaves. The exhibition also explores Korea's innovations in woodblock printing during the Goryeo dynasty (918–1392) and in movable metal type during the Joseon dynasty (1392–1897). Due to the rarity of several of the international loans, *Beyond Line* will only be on view at LACMA—making this a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Curators: Stephen Little, Chinese and Korean Art, LACMA; Ginny Moon, Korean Art, LACMA

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

Presented by:



This exhibition is part of The Hyundai Project: Korean Art Scholarship Initiative at LACMA, a global exploration of traditional and contemporary Korean art through research, publications, and exhibitions.

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Mary Corse: A Survey in Light
July–November 2019

Mary Corse's first solo museum survey is a long overdue examination of this singular artist's career. Initially trained as an abstract painter, Corse emerged in the mid-1960s as one of the few women associated with the West Coast Light and Space movement. She shared with her contemporaries a deep fascination with perception and with the possibility that light itself could serve as both subject and material of art. This focused exhibition will highlight critical moments of experimentation as Corse engaged with tropes of modernist painting while charting her own course through studies in quantum physics and complex investigations into a range of "painting" materials. The survey will bring together for the first time Corse's key bodies of work, including her early shaped canvases, freestanding sculptures, and light encasements that she engineered in the mid-1960s, as well as her breakthrough White Light Paintings, begun in 1968, and the Black Earth Series that she initiated after moving in 1970 from downtown Los Angeles to Topanga Canyon, where she lives and works today.

Curators: Kim Conaty, Curator, Prints and Drawings, Whitney Museum of American Art; Carol Eliel, Modern Art, LACMA

Itinerary: Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (June 8–November 25, 2018).

Credit: This exhibition is organized by the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, in association with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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Betye Saar: Call and Response
September 2019–February 2020

Betye Saar: Call and Response looks at the relationship between preliminary sketches in small notebooks, which Saar has made throughout her career, and finished works. In addition, the show will include approximately a dozen small travel sketchbooks with more finished drawings—relating to leitmotifs seen throughout Saar's oeuvre—that she has made over a lifetime of journeys worldwide. Saar (b. 1926, Los Angeles) is one of the most talented artists of her generation. She is not as well known as her talents deserve, however, no doubt largely because she is a black woman who came of age in the 1960s outside of New York City. Her work consistently addresses issues of race, gender, and spirituality. Very much a part of the strong assemblage tradition of Southern California, Saar's work combines many different symbols along with objects found on her travels across Africa, Mexico, Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean, as well as in L.A. itself. *Betye Saar: Call and Response* will cover the span of Saar's career, including work from her early years up through a new sculptural installation. A fully illustrated publication will accompany the exhibition, taking physical form in response to Saar's notebooks. This will be the first exhibition at a California museum to address her entire career and the first anywhere to focus on her sketchbooks.

Curator: Carol S. Eliel, Modern Art, LACMA

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

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Julie Mehretu

November 3, 2019–March 22, 2020 (BCAM, Level 1)

November 3, 2019–May 17, 2020 (BCAM, Level 3)

Co-organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and The Whitney Museum of American Art, *Julie Mehretu* (working title) is a mid-career survey that will unite approximately 30 paintings with 32 works on paper dating from 1996 to the present by Julie Mehretu (b. 1970, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). The first-ever comprehensive retrospective of Mehretu's career, it covers over two decades of her examination of history, colonialism, capitalism, geopolitics, war, global uprising, diaspora, and displacement through the artistic strategies of abstraction, architecture, landscape, movement, and, most recently, figuration. Mehretu's play with scale, as evident in her intimate drawings and large canvases and complex techniques in printmaking, will be explored in depth. Mehretu received her MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, and among many awards and honors is recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" (2005) and a U.S. State Department National Medal of Arts (2015).

Curator: Christine Y. Kim, Contemporary Art, LACMA; Rujeko Hockley, Whitney Museum of American Art

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CURRENTLY ON VIEW

The Jeweled Isle: Art from Sri Lanka

December 9, 2018–June 23, 2019

The first comprehensive survey of Sri Lankan art organized by an American museum, *The Jeweled Isle: Art from Sri Lanka* presents some 240 works addressing nearly two millennia of Sri Lankan history. The image of a bejeweled isle, first invoked in Greco-Roman accounts of Sri Lanka's precious gems, inspired numerous literary descriptions of the island's wealth and tropical beauty. *The Jeweled Isle* includes precious decorative objects fashioned from gold, silver, and ivory, and 19th-century photographs documenting Sri Lanka's extraordinary

monuments, scenery, and flora. Several artworks convey the importance of sacred sites and relics in Sri Lankan Buddhist practice, while rare images of Hindu gods attest to the long and constant interaction between Sri Lanka and South India. Exquisite ivories, textiles, and furnishings further reflect nearly four centuries of European colonial presence in Sri Lanka and the dynamic interaction between local and foreign visual traditions. Featuring LACMA's rarely displayed collection of Sri Lankan art—one of the finest and most extensive in the U.S.—the exhibition presents a timely exploration and celebration of a geographically complex, ethnically diverse, and multicultural South Asian hub.

Curators: Robert L. Brown, South and Southeast Asian Art, LACMA; Tushara Bindu Gude, South and Southeast Asian Art, LACMA

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

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Outliers and American Vanguard Art **November 18, 2018–March 17, 2019**

LACMA will host the West Coast presentation of *Outliers and American Vanguard Art*, the first major exhibition to explore key moments in American art history when avant-garde artists and outliers intersected, and how their interchanges ushered in new paradigms based on inclusion, integration, and assimilation. The first part of the exhibition illustrates how the early history of American modernism, especially the first years of the Museum of Modern Art, championed folk art and self-taught artists before the ascendance of abstract expressionism. The second section begins in the late 1960s when artists affiliated with the Chicago Imagists and West Coast assemblage practices became the leading advocates for outliers and visionary artists. The third section shows the continued impact of outlier practices on contemporary art. The exhibition features over 250 works in a range of media

by more than 80 self-taught and trained artists such as Henry Darger, Sam Doyle, William Edmondson, Lonnie Holley, Greer Lankton, Sister Gertrude Morgan, Matt Mullican, Horace Pippin, Martín Ramírez, Betye Saar, Judith Scott, Charles Sheeler, Cindy Sherman, Bill Traylor, and Kara Walker.

Curators: Lynne Cooke, Senior Curator, Special Projects in Modern Art, National Gallery of Art, Washington; Rita Gonzalez, Contemporary Art, LACMA

Itinerary: National Gallery of Art, Washington (January 28–May 13, 2018); High Museum of Art, Atlanta (June 24–September 30, 2018).

Credit: This exhibition was organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

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Rauschenberg: The 1/4 Mile

October 28, 2018–June 9, 2019

One of the most pioneering artists of the last century, Robert Rauschenberg (1925–2008) produced a diverse body of work characterized by experimentation, the use of varied mediums and methods, and cross-cultural exchange. Rauschenberg's monumental *The 1/4 Mile or 2 Furlong Piece* (1981–98) exemplifies these tenets of his artistic practice. Created over 17 years, the work is composed of 190 panels that, combined, measure approximately one quarter mile in length. An eclectic array of materials comprises the piece: textiles, mass media images, and photographs by the artist intermingle with bold passages of paint, while everyday objects such as chairs, cardboard boxes, and traffic lights add sculptural depth. Rauschenberg incorporated materials and photographs from the U.S., Asia, Europe, Latin America, and northern Africa, including audio of ambient street sounds recorded during his travels. *The 1/4 Mile* reveals the broad scope of Rauschenberg's practice through the multitude of mediums and techniques employed, and serves as a self-contained retrospective of his oeuvre. This presentation is the first time *The 1/4 Mile or 2 Furlong Piece* will be exhibited in its entirety.

Curators: Michael Govan, CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director, LACMA; Katia Zavistovski, Modern Art, LACMA

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Merce Cunningham, Clouds and Screens
October 28, 2018–March 31, 2019

During his prolific 60-year career, choreographer Merce Cunningham (1919–2009) revolutionized dance by challenging every aspect of the form. Perhaps most radical was his idea that all the elements of a dance—movement, music, costumes, and decor—could be created independently of one another, coming together only during the “common time” of a performance. Along with his life partner, composer John Cage (1912–1992), Cunningham explored this freeing notion by initiating cross-disciplinary collaborations with dozens of artists. This exhibition presents immersive installations by Charles Atlas and Andy Warhol, along with two video projections of early dances by Cunningham: *Changeling* and *Night Wandering*, with principal dancer Carolyn Brown. Los Angeles-based dancer and choreographer Jennie MaryTai Liu will present a commissioned project responding to this exhibition in February 2019.

Curator: José Luis Blondet, Special Initiatives, LACMA

Credit: The presentation of *Merce Cunningham, Clouds and Screens* is organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and adapted from the exhibition *Merce Cunningham: Common Time*, organized by the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis.

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Rauschenberg: In and About L.A.
August 11, 2018–February 10, 2019

One of the most pioneering artists of the last century, Robert Rauschenberg (1925–2008) produced a diverse body of work characterized by experimentation, the use of varied mediums and methods, and an embrace of cross-cultural exchange. Although Rauschenberg was born in Texas and lived primarily in New York and Florida, Los Angeles played a pivotal role in his artistic development. His first visit to an art museum occurred in Southern California, while he was stationed at Camp Pendleton in 1944–45. This experience prompted Rauschenberg’s decision to become an artist, and in the following decades he created some of his most groundbreaking work here. In the late 1960s and early 1970s Rauschenberg partnered with the L.A. print workshops Gemini G.E.L. and Styria Studio, where he challenged the conventions of printmaking with works

such as *Booster* and *Currents*. During this time he was also a central participant in LACMA's Art & Technology program, collaborating with scientists and engineers from Teledyne Technologies. In 1981, Rauschenberg extensively photographed L.A. for his *In + Out City Limits* project, and 17 years later he pictured the metropolis again in his *LA Uncovered* screenprints. Featuring a selection of works that Rauschenberg made in and about L.A., this exhibition highlights the city's indelible impact on his creative output.

Curator: Katia Zavistovski, Modern Art, LACMA

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

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3D: Double Vision

July 15, 2018–March 31, 2019

The quest for perfect 3D representation drives innovation, stimulates creative expression, and sparks wonder in generation after generation. *3D: Double Vision* is the first American exhibition to survey a full range of artworks, dating from 1838 to the present, that produce the illusion of three dimensions. These artworks function by activating binocular vision—the process by which our brains synthesize the information received by our two eyes into a single, volumetric image. The history of 3D begins in the 1830s with the invention of the stereoscope. Initially considered a scientific device, the stereoscope soon entered popular culture, as Victorian audiences became fascinated with stereo photographs depicting faraway lands, colossal monuments, current events, and comic scenes. 3D motion picture technology followed in the 20th century, along with consumer products such as View Masters and Stereo Realist cameras. Lenticular printing and holography generate dimensional effects without the aid of glasses. In the digital present, artists have access to all these technologies for generating virtual images. Drawn from the realms of art, science, mass culture, and entertainment, the artworks in *3D: Double Vision* will dazzle the eyes and provoke the imagination. Ultimately, to experience 3D is to engage with questions about the nature of perception, the allure of illusionism, and our relationship with the technologies that create such images.

Curator: Britt Salvesen, Prints and Drawings, and Wallis Annenberg Photography Department, LACMA

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

Presented by:



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To Rome and Back: Individualism and Authority in Art, 1500–1800
June 24, 2018–March 17, 2019

Over the course of its 2,000-year history, Rome has been alternatively held as the epitome of republic, the decadence of empire, the force of Catholicism, the artistic and literary birthplace of naturalism, and above all, the source of classicism. Despite these various, and ostensibly conflicting associations, its classical epithet—the Eternal City—reflects the symbiosis of these qualities and their lasting influence on republics, nations, religions and even continents beyond. For while Rome's significance waxed and waned through plagues and progress, conflict and collaboration, its political, social, cultural, and religious power remained consistently strong throughout its history. Assembled entirely from LACMA's permanent collection, this examination of a significant moment in early Modern Europe reflects the donations and gifts from years of support to the museum's departments of Costume and Textiles, Decorative Arts and Design, Latin American Art, and Prints and Drawings, in addition to European Paintings and Sculpture. These works reveal the depth of Rome's impact from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment, before rising individualism, internationalism, and the optimistic equilibrium between secular and religious forces caused the city's ultimate marginalization.

Curator: Leah Lehmbeck, European Painting and Sculpture, LACMA

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

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LACMA: ON THE ROAD

The Chiaroscuro Woodcut in Renaissance Italy

Venue: National Gallery of Art, Washington (October 14, 2018–January 20, 2019)

Displaying exquisite designs, technical virtuosity, and sumptuous color, chiaroscuro woodcuts are among the most striking prints of the Renaissance. First introduced in Italy around 1516, the chiaroscuro woodcut, which involves printing an image from two or more woodblocks inked in different hues, was one of the most successful early forays into color printing in Europe. Taking its name from the Italian for “light” (chiaro) and “shade” (scuro), the technique creates the illusion of depth through tonal contrasts.

Over the course of the century, the chiaroscuro woodcut underwent sophisticated technical advancements in the hands of talented printmakers such as Ugo da Carpi, Antonio da Trento, Niccolò Vicentino, Nicolò Boldrini, and Andrea Andreani, and engaged some of the most celebrated painters of the time, including Titian, Raphael, and Parmigianino. The medium evolved in format, scale, and subject, testifying to the vital interest of artists and collectors in the range of aesthetic possibilities it offered.

For this first major presentation of the subject in the United States, some 100 rare chiaroscuro woodcuts will be brought together alongside related drawings, engravings, and sculpture. This exhibition, with its accompanying scholarly catalogue, explores the technique’s materials and methods of production, offering new insights into the remarkable art of the chiaroscuro woodcut. The exhibition is organized by LACMA in association with the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

Curator: Naoko Takahatake, Prints and Drawings, LACMA

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Beauty and Identity: Islamic Art from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Venue: The King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (April 2018–May 2020)

Beauty and Identity: Islamic Art from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art comprises 150 key works from LACMA's collections and includes works of art from an area extending from southern Spain to northern India, ranging in date from the seventh century to the modern era. The objects include brilliantly glazed pottery, enameled and gilded glass, inlaid metalwork, carved ornamental stone and wood, sumptuous woven textiles, and vividly illuminated and superbly written manuscripts and single pages. A never-before shown 18th-century period room from Damascus is also on view, featuring original brightly painted polychrome wood surfaces.

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

Credit: This exhibition was co-organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture.

Forces of Nature: Ancient Maya Arts from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Venues: Shenzhen Museum (August 24–November 25, 2018); Jinsha Museum (December 18, 2018–March 17, 2019); Hubei Provincial Museum (April 27–July 29, 2019)

Traveling to three museums in China in 2018–19, *Forces of Nature* marks the first time LACMA's premier art of the ancient Americas collection will be on view in Asia. Featuring 200 works from LACMA's holdings, this exhibition explores the rich world of the supernatural in ancient Maya art. Classic-period Maya (250–950) supernatural entities were manifestations of forces of nature, such as the sun, rain, and lightning, and fruits of the earth, such as maize. Artists visualized them in anthropomorphic and zoomorphic forms as beings that communicated, negotiated, and made offerings to one another and formed relationships that mimicked natural cycles and human bonds. For the Maya, who lived in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras, the natural world was a source of both nourishment and danger. Careful engagement with the natural world was crucial for survival, as well as an inherent aspect of indigenous cosmologies and power. *Forces of Nature* focuses on Maya art, but includes select pieces from the Olmec, Zapotec, and Aztec civilizations to demonstrate the pervasiveness of these beliefs and practices throughout Mesoamerica.

Curator: Megan E. O'Neil, Art of the Ancient Americas, LACMA

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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.

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