

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) will reopen its galleries to the public on April 1, 2021

(Los Angeles—March 15, 2021) After more than a year of mandated closure as a result of COVID-19, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) will reopen its galleries to the public on April 1, 2021, following the guidelines provided by L.A. County for museums. LACMA members will be welcomed for Member Previews on March 26–30. To provide a safe environment for visitors and staff, LACMA has implemented new health and safety protocols and procedures in accordance with the guidelines provided by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. The new health and safety protocols include limited capacity (25% in red tier as required by the State), advance timed-entry online ticketing, required face mask wearing, mandatory online health screening and temperature check, a touchless visitor experience (including a new touchless check-in system and new sensor-based facility fixtures), enhanced and more frequent cleaning and sanitizing protocols, one-way paths through galleries, physical distancing cues and labels, new gallery guidelines to reduce gathering, hand sanitizing stations, and health and safety protocols signage throughout campus. All in-person events, such as art classes and activities, talks, concerts, film screenings, and group tours have been suspended.

Online tickets for Member Previews will be available for reservation on LACMA's website beginning March 19 at 10 am PDT. Online tickets for the general public will be available for purchase on LACMA's website beginning March 25 at 10 am PDT. All visitors, including LACMA members, must purchase or reserve advance timed-entry tickets online or by calling 323 857-6010, 10 am–5 pm daily. Tickets blocks will be released one week at a time. Onsite ticket purchase is not available.

“We are delighted to welcome visitors back to the museum,” said LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director Michael Govan. “We have a diverse and exciting program of exhibitions that are sure to inspire visitors during these challenging times. Our dedicated staff have been hard at work to modify visiting protocols, gallery flow, exhibition design, and facilities to provide a safe environment for everyone. We are closely following—and in many cases, exceeding—public health guidelines and coordinating with the L.A. County Department of Public Health. We are thrilled to again be a source of respite, solace, and beauty for Angelenos.”

The museum is pleased to announce that visitors to LACMA will be able to see six new exhibitions: ***Bill Viola: Slowly Turning Narrative*** (on view through June 27, 2021); ***Yoshitomo Nara*** (on view through July 5, 2021); ***NOT I: Throwing Voices (1500 BCE–2020 CE)*** (on view through July 25, 2021); ***Vera Lutter: Museum in the Camera*** (on view through September 12, 2021); ***Cauleen Smith: Give It Or Leave It*** (on view through October 31, 2021); and ***View From Here: Recent***

Acquisitions (ongoing). In addition, many of LACMA's exhibitions have been extended, including *Fiji: Art & Life in the Pacific* (on view through May 2, 2021) and *Do Ho Suh: 348 West 22nd Street* (on view through August 8, 2021). *Mark Bradford: 150 Portrait Tone* will be ongoing. The museum's outdoor sculptures and public park space will continue to be open to visitors.

LACMA will continue to engage with online audiences through LACMA @ Home, a digital space to watch, learn, listen, and browse through the museum's virtual resources.

New visitation health and safety protocols include:

- All visitors must complete an online health screening and pass a temperature check.
- A mask must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times, except when eating or drinking. This is required for all visitors over age 2 and all staff and volunteers.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout campus and visitors are encouraged to practice safe hand sanitizing and hand washing hygiene.
- A physical distance of at least 6 feet must be maintained from others; parties of a single household may remain together and children must remain with supervising adults at all times.
- All visitors must follow traffic flow directions to enter and exit buildings and one-way traffic flow and physical distancing cues in galleries.
- To reduce gathering, new gallery guidelines have been implemented. There is limited wall text and exhibition text is now accessible in the galleries via QR codes accessible with your mobile device.
- Oversize bags (larger than 11" x 14") are not permitted in the galleries, and bag check is currently closed. Wheelchairs are not available at this time.

A full list of guidelines is available on lacma.org.

The LACMA Store and LACMA Café airstream will also be open and follow the guidelines provided for retail and restaurants by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Ray's & Stark Bar and Coffee + Milk (C+M) will reopen on April 7.

In accordance with L.A. County and City guidelines, all in-person public programs, including tours, talks, panels, art classes and workshops, film, concerts, and more, will be suspended and continue to take place online until further notice.

LACMA's hours will remain the same: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (11 am–5 pm), Friday (11 am–8 pm), Saturday–Sunday (10 am–7 pm); the museum is closed on Wednesdays. Free admission will continue to be available to L.A. County residents after 3 pm on weekdays.

About LACMA

Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of nearly 142,000 objects that illuminate 6,000 years of artistic expression across the globe. Committed to showcasing a multitude of art histories, LACMA exhibits and interprets works of art from new and unexpected points of view that are informed by the region's rich cultural heritage and diverse population. LACMA's spirit of experimentation is reflected in its work with artists, technologists, and thought leaders as well as in its regional, national, and global partnerships to share collections and programs, create pioneering initiatives, and engage new audiences.

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