

Celeste to Perform at LACMA's 2021 Art+Film Gala

Tenth Annual Gala on Saturday, November 6, 2021 Honors Artists Amy Sberald and Kehinde Wiley and Filmmaker Steven Spielberg

Co-Chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio and Presented by Gucci



(Los Angeles, October 27, 2021) The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announced today that acclaimed soul singer and songwriter Celeste will perform at the 2021 Art+Film Gala honoring artists Amy Sberald and Kehinde Wiley and filmmaker Steven Spielberg. Co-chaired by LACMA trustee Eva Chow and actor Leonardo DiCaprio, this celebration of art and film will take place on Saturday, November 6, 2021. During cocktails, guests will also enjoy a set by DJ Derrick “D-Nice” Jones. On the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, Gucci continues its invaluable partnership with the museum as the presenting sponsor of the annual event. For the third year, additional support for the gala is provided by Audi.

“Celeste has captured the world's attention with her gorgeous, soulful voice and deeply moving songs,” said Eva Chow. “Her performance will be one of the highlights of this year's Art+Film Gala.”

About Celeste

American born, British-Jamaican singer-songwriter Celeste released her highly anticipated UK No.1 debut album *Not Your Muse* in January of 2021 (via Polydor Records), and since then her trajectory has seen no bounds. Leading on from a remarkable 2020 for breakthrough artist, *Not Your Muse* followed the songstress' double win of BBC Sound of 2020 and the BRITs Rising Star Award. Raised on the

classics such as Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald and Alice Coltrane, the self-taught Brighton-raised soul singer has previously been described as “undisputedly one to watch out for” by *Wonderland Magazine*, and is still making waves with her 2019 heart-shattering single “Strange”, which she performed at February’s BRIT awards—a performance which placed her firmly in the global spotlight, and has recently been featured in Netflix’s 2021 hit show *Outer Banks* which won her a legion of new fans blown away by its raw intimacy and encouraged a resurgence of the track across streaming platforms.

While the ensuing pandemic temporarily postponed all touring and festival plans, Celeste released a string of captivating singles—the sentiments of which resonated in these uncertain times—including “Hear My Voice,” which was co-written with Golden Globe–nominated composer Daniel Pemberton and is the focus track of the Netflix film *The Trial of the Chicago 7*. As the first artist to ever be commissioned to do so, Celeste wrote and recorded “A Little Love,” for the John Lewis and Waitrose Christmas adverts, and was widely praised as a ‘Christmas classic in the making’, this song marked another significant milestone in her unrivalled ascent.

Art+Film Gala

At the 2019 Art+Film Gala, more than 800 prominent guests celebrated the achievements of artist Betye Saar and filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón. The evening included a lively musical performance by Anderson .Paak & The Free Nationals as well as a special menu prepared by renowned chef Joachim Splichal of Patina. The 2019 Art+Film Gala raised more than \$4.6 million, with proceeds supporting LACMA’s film initiatives and future exhibitions, acquisitions, and programming. This year, LACMA celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Art+Film Gala.

Art+Film Gala proceeds will be used to support LACMA’s initiative to make film more central to the museum’s curatorial programming, while also funding LACMA’s broader mission. This includes exhibitions, acquisitions, and educational programming, in addition to screenings that explore the intersection of art and film. In recent years, LACMA has dynamically increased its curatorial programming to include film related exhibitions such as *Tim Burton; Dalí: Painting & Film; Masterworks of Expressionist Cinema: Caligari and Metropolis; Stanley Kubrick; Hans Richter: Encounters; Under the Mexican Sky: Gabriel Figueroa—Art and Film; David Hockney: Seven Yorkshire Landscape Videos, 2011; Agnès Varda in Californialand; David Hockney: The Jugglers; Haunted Screens: German Cinema in the 1920s; Christian Marclay’s The Clock; Diana Thater: The Sympathetic Imagination; Guillermo del Toro: At Home with Monsters; CARNE y ARENA (Virtually present, Physically invisible); The Art of the Movie Poster: Highlights from the Mike Kaplan Collection; Roma: Alfonso Cuarón; Teresa Hubbard / Alexander Birchler: Flora; Merce Cunningham: Clouds and Screens; and Isaac Julien: Playtime; and the upcoming exhibition *City of Cinema: Paris 1850–1907* (opening February 20, 2022).*

For more information about the 2021 Art+Film Gala tickets and table sales, contact artandfilm@lacma.org or 323 857-4770. The safety of visitors and staff is the museum's top priority. The museum has worked closely with the L.A. County Department of Public Health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to implement health and safety protocols and adjust them as guidelines evolve. For the 2021 Art+Film Gala, COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be implemented based on current guidelines at the time of the event.

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