

**Exhibition**     *Artists Inspired by Music: Interscope Reimagined*

**Dates:**         January 30–February 13, 2022

**Location:**     Resnick Pavilion



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(Los Angeles, CA—January 13, 2022) – The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) presents *Artists Inspired by Music: Interscope Reimagined*, an exhibition that revisits groundbreaking music through visual art. Artists often cite music as a source of inspiration, capturing the sonic experience through color and form, or translating musical innovations into their own practices. In this exhibition, a diverse, intergenerational group of contemporary visual artists are in creative dialogue with iconic musical artists. These artists responded to songs and albums released by Interscope Records over the last three decades with works of their own in a range of media. The exhibition will present over 50 artworks by 46 visual artists; a majority of the works are newly commissioned pieces and will be presented for the first time to the public.

Featured visual artists include Cecily Brown, Lauren Halsey, Rashid Johnson, Takashi Murakami, Ed Ruscha, and more; many of the artists are represented in LACMA's permanent collection. Iconic musicians from the last three decades include Dr. Dre, Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, Nine Inch Nails, Lady Gaga, and more. A full list of artist and musical pairings is below.

*"Artists Inspired by Music celebrates a dialogue between two different art forms across three decades of production,"* said Staci Steinberger, LACMA associate curator of Decorative Arts and Design. *"The show provides a fresh perspective on influential albums for the present moment."*

Touching on LACMA's ongoing exploration of the intersections of art and music, the museum will present public programs exploring musical expression and movement throughout the run of the exhibition.

"Los Angeles is a creative capital known for many kinds of art forms," said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. "*Artists Inspired by Music: Interscope Reimagined* is an extension of a series of LACMA exhibitions and programs celebrating the relationship between art and music."

### About the Exhibition

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To mark Interscope Records' 30th anniversary, which kicks off this month, co-founder Jimmy Iovine, current chairman John Janick, vice chairman Steve Berman, and music executive Josh Abraham revisited the label's history of groundbreaking music through the lens of visual art, an idea that was sparked by label partner Justin Lubliner.

Interscope invited artists to select albums and songs from Interscope's catalogue and fostered exchanges with musicians to generate resonant pairings. The team worked closely with LACMA associate curator of Decorative Arts and Design Staci Steinberger, to collectively organize the exhibition. The scope and size of the selection of music recognize the profound impact that Interscope artists have had on global culture in the past three decades.

The installation foregrounds the creative pairings, visually reflecting on a history of musical innovation and powerful performances across genres. In some cases, multiple artists responded to the same musician, offering different interpretations of their work through the years. Following the conclusion of the exhibition, the artworks will be used on reissues of the record albums.

### VISUAL ARTISTS

- Adam Pendleton
- Amoako Boafo
- Anna Park
- Anna Weyant
- Burnt Toast
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- Cecily Brown
- Chloe Wise
- Damien Hirst

### MUSICAL ARTISTS

Dr. Dre – *2001*  
6LACK – *FREE 6LACK*  
Billie Eilish – *When We All Fall Asleep Where Do We Go?*  
Gwen Stefani – *The Sweet Escape*  
Timbaland – *Shock Value*  
N.E.R.D. – *Seeing Sounds*  
Billie Eilish – *dont smile at me*  
Yeah Yeah Yeahs – *It's Blitz!*  
Eminem – Entire Catalogue

• Derrick Adams	Mary J. Blige– <i>The Breakthrough</i>
• Ed Ruscha	2Pac – <i>All Eyez On Me</i>
• Emily Mae Smith	Nine Inch Nails– <i>Broken</i>
• Ferrari Sheppard	Blackstreet– “No Diggity”
• Genesis Tramaine	Summer Walker– <i>Over It</i>
• Henni Alftan	Olivia Rodrigo– <i>SOUR</i>
• Henry Taylor	Kendrick Lamar– <i>DAMN.</i> ("DNA")
• Hilary Pecis	Selena Gomez– <i>Rare</i>
• Issy Wood	Gwen– <i>Love. Angel. Music. Baby.</i> ("Cool")
• Jenna Gribbon	Lana Del Rey– <i>Born To Die</i>
• Jennifer Guidi	BLACKPINK– <i>THE ALBUM</i>
• John Currin	U2– “Beautiful Day”
• Jordy Kerwick	MGK– <i>Tickets to My Downfall</i> ("My Bloody Valentine")
• Julie Curtiss	No Doubt– <i>Tragic Kingdom</i> ("Just a Girl")
• KAWS	Dogg – <i>Doggystyle</i>
• Kehinde Wiley	Dr. Dre– <i>The Chronic</i>
• Lauren Halsey	Kendrick Lamar– <i>To Pimp a Butterfly</i>
• Lisa Yuskavage	Billie Eilish– <i>Happier Than Ever</i>
• Loie Hollowell	Lady Gaga– <i>Fame Monster</i>
• Lucy Bull	No Doubt– <i>Tragic Kingdom</i> ("Spiderwebs")
• Marc Quinn	MGK– <i>Tickets to My Downfall</i>
• Matthew Wong	Lana Del Rey– <i>Paradise</i>
• Fulton Leroy Washington AKA MR. WASH	The Game– <i>The Documentary</i>
• Nicolas Party	Lady Gaga– <i>Joanne</i>
• Nina Chanel Abney	2Pac– <i>The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory</i>
• OSGEMEOS	Black Eyed Peas– <i>The E.N.D.</i>
• Rashid Johnson	Kendrick Lamar– <i>Good Kid MAAD City</i>
• Raymond Pettibon	Lana Del Rey– <i>Norman Fucking Rockwell</i>
• Reggie Burrows Hodges	Kendrick Lamar– <i>Good Kid M.A.A.D City</i> "Swimming Pools" (Drank)
• Richard Prince	Nine Inch Nails– <i>The Downward Spiral</i>
• Sayre Gomez	50 Cent– <i>Get Rich or Die Tryin'</i>
• Shepard Fairey	Yeah Yeah Yeahs– <i>Fever To Tell</i>
• Stanley Whitney	Kendrick Lamar– <i>To Pimp A Butterfly</i> ("King Kunta")
• Takashi Murakami	Juice WRLD – <i>Goodbye and Good Riddance</i>
• Titus Kaphar	Eve– <i>Scorpion</i>
• Toyin Ojih Odutola	Kendrick Lamar– <i>DAMN.</i>
• Umar Rashid	Tupac – <i>Me Against The World</i>
• Will Boone	Helmet– <i>Meantime</i>

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**About LACMA**

Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of more than 147,000 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.

**Image caption:** Kehinde Wiley, *The Watcher*, 2021, © Kehinde Wiley; Rashid Johnson, *Good Kid*, 2021, courtesy of David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, © Rashid Johnson, photo by Martin Parsekian, courtesy of David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles; Cecily Brown, *If teardrops could be bottled*, 2021, courtesy of the artist, © Cecily Brown, Cecily Brown, photo by Genevieve Hanson

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