

**Elton John to Perform at LACMA's 2022 Art+Film Gala****LACMA's Eleventh Annual Gala on Saturday, November 5, 2022,  
Honors Helen Pashgian and Park Chan-wook****Co-Chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio and Presented by  
Gucci**

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(Los Angeles, October 11, 2022)—The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announced today that global icon Elton John will perform at the 2022 Art+Film Gala. This year's event honors artist Helen Pashgian and filmmaker Park Chan-wook. Co-chaired by LACMA trustee Eva Chow and actor Leonardo DiCaprio, this celebration of art and film will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2022. During cocktails, guests will enjoy a DJ performance by award-winning artist, photographer and producer Derrick "D-Nice" Jones. Gucci continues its invaluable partnership with the museum as the presenting sponsor of the annual event. Additional support for the gala is provided by Audi.

"The Art+Film Gala has showcased many incredibly talented musicians over the years,

and to have an icon like Elton on stage this year is beyond exciting. He's such a legendary entertainer, and I know his performance will be unforgettable," said Eva Chow.

### About Elton John

Elton John's career achievements to date are unsurpassed in their breadth and longevity. John is one of the top-selling solo artists of all time. In the UK and US charts alone he has one diamond, 32 platinum or multi-platinum, and 21 gold albums as well as over 70 Top 40 hits. He has sold more than 300 million records worldwide. He holds the record for the biggest-selling single of all time, "Candle in the Wind 1997," which sold over 33 million copies. At present, he has logged 70 Billboard Hot 100 entries, including nine No. 1s and 28 Top 10s. *The Lockdown Sessions*, an album of collaborations recorded during the COVID-19 pandemic, was released in October 2021 and became John's eighth UK number one album. John became the first-ever solo artist to score a UK Top 10 hit single in six consecutive decades. In America, he holds the record for longest span between Billboard top 40 hits at 50 years.

Encompassing 5 continents, and over 350 dates, John's five-year-long "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" tour started in September 2018 and marks his retirement from touring after more than 50 years on the road. In 2019 it was named Billboard's Top Rock Tour and Pollstar's Major Tour Of The Year. To date, John has delivered more than 4,000 performances in more than 80 countries since launching his first tour in 1970. 2019 also saw the release of the award-winning motion picture of John's life, *Rocketman*, and global bestselling autobiography, *ME*.

Among the many awards and honors bestowed upon him are six GRAMMYs, including a GRAMMY Legend award, a Tony and two Oscars, a Best British Male Artist BRIT Award, induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Kennedy Center Honor, Legend of Live Award, 13 Ivor Novello Awards between 1973 and 2001, a knighthood from HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Légion d'honneur, France's highest award, and the Companion of Honor in the 2021 New Year Honors list. In February 2022, he topped the inaugural Pollstar Artist Power Index, a weekly rank of the world's most popular artists based on streaming, touring, airplay, and social media metrics. In 1992, John established the Elton John AIDS Foundation, which today is one of the leading non-profit HIV/AIDS organizations and has raised over \$515 million to date in the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

## **Art+Film Gala**

At the 2021 Art+Film Gala, more than 650 prominent guests celebrated the achievements of artists Amy Sberald and Kehinde Wiley and filmmaker Steven Spielberg. The evening included a lively musical performance by Celeste as well as a special menu prepared by renowned chef Joachim Splichal of Patina and chef Mattia Agazzi of Gucci Osteria da Massimo Bottura Beverly Hills. The 2021 Art+Film Gala raised \$5 million, with proceeds supporting LACMA's film initiatives and future exhibitions, acquisitions, and programming.

Art+Film Gala proceeds are 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; Isaac Julien: Playtime; and City of Cinema: Paris 1850–1907.*

For more information about the 2022 Art+Film Gala tickets and table sales, contact [artandfilm@lacma.org](mailto: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 2022 Art+Film Gala, COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be implemented based on current guidelines at the time of the event

## **About LACMA**

Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of nearly 149,000 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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