

LACMA's 12th Annual Art+Film Gala Honors Judy Baca and David Fincher and Raises More than \$5 Million

More than 650 Notable Guests Attended the Event, Co-chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, with a Special Performance by Lenny Kravitz

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(Los Angeles, November 5, 2023)—The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) hosted its 12th annual Art+Film Gala on November 4, 2023, honoring artist Judy Baca and filmmaker David Fincher and featuring a special performance by Lenny Kravitz. More than 650 notable guests from the art, film, fashion, and entertainment industries attended the event, which was co-chaired by LACMA trustee Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio with Gucci Creative Director Sabato De Sarno as the Gala Host Committee Chair. This year's gala raised more than \$5 million to support LACMA's efforts to make film more central to the museum's curatorial programming, as well as LACMA's broader mission. Gucci, which has partnered with LACMA since the first Art+Film Gala in 2011, returned as presenting sponsor of this year's event. Electric vehicle transportation and additional support was provided by Audi.

“It was a great pleasure to bring such an amazing group of people together to honor Judy Baca and David Fincher, while supporting our beloved museum,” said gala co-chair Eva Chow. “And Lenny Kravitz’s incredible performance made the evening truly one to remember. I’m so grateful to Sabato De Sarno and everyone at Gucci for their continued generosity and belief in the power of art and film.”

“Judy Baca and David Fincher are both powerful storytellers whose bodies of work offer vital commentary on history and human nature, and it was wonderful to recognize their achievements with all of the other artists and friends from L.A.’s creative industries,” said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. “We owe the success of the Art+Film Gala, year after year, to the dedication of our co-chairs Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, and I’m deeply grateful for their ongoing support.”

The 2023 Art+Film Gala was planned in alignment with SAG-AFTRA. The proceeds from the event support LACMA’s film initiatives and future exhibitions, acquisitions, and programming.

Renowned artists, distinguished guests, and luminaries from the film, fashion, music, and entertainment industries arrived at the Art+Film Gala and took photos in front of Chris Burden’s *Urban Light* (2008) on Wilshire Boulevard. Following the outdoor cocktail reception, guests moved into the Art+Film pavilion overlooking Michael Heizer’s *Levitated Mass* (2012) for a special dinner by chef Mattia Agazzi of Gucci Osteria da Massimo Bottura in Beverly Hills, in collaboration with chef Joachim Splichal and Patina Catering.

After Michael Govan and Eva Chow welcomed the crowd, Eva Longoria gave a tribute to Judy Baca, accompanied by a short film by Alejandra Vasquez and Sam Osborn titled *Baca*.

Honoree Judy Baca accepted the honor and spotlighted her many collaborators, saying, “There are hundreds, probably thousands, of people with me on the stage tonight accepting with deep gratitude this acknowledgment of our work, often against all odds, to remember our stories and paint them on the walls of our communities around the nation and the world.”

Brad Pitt then presented a tribute to David Fincher.

Honoree David Fincher said, “I suppose I’ve never looked at directing as artistic because it required so many actual artists just to get through a given day. I am grateful for my inclusion this evening, standing next to Judy.”

After dinner, Michael Govan invited guests back outside where Jennifer Lopez introduced the evening’s performer, Lenny Kravitz. The iconic musician played beloved hits including “Fly Away,” “American Woman,” “Are You Gonna Go My Way,” “Dig In,” and a moving rendition of “Here to Love.”

Notable figures from the art world attending the 2023 Art+Film Gala included Elizabeth Alexander, Lyndon J. Barrois, Louise Bonnet, Diedrick Brackens, Jeffrey Deitch, Awol Erizku, Brendan Fernandes, Katherine Elizabeth Fleming, Honor Fraser, Larry Gagosian, Charles Gaines, Alexandra Grant, Todd Gray, Chase Hall, Lauren Halsey, Greg Ito, Sandra Jackson-Dumont, Ewa Juszkiewicz, Shio Kusaka, Deana Lawson, Tidawhitney Lek, Glenn Ligon, Catherine Opie, Helen Pashgian, Annie Philbin, Nathaniel Mary Quinn, Shaun Regen, Guadalupe Rosales, Ed Ruscha, Analia Saban, Antwaun Sargent, Kenny Scharf, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, Adam Silverman, Shinique Smith, Ricky Swallow, Vincent Valdez, Lesley Vance, Darren Walker, Mary Weatherford, Anna Weyant, Fred Wilson, Jonas Wood, and Kulapat Yantrasast.

Guests from the fashion, entertainment, and business worlds at this year’s event included Ben Affleck, Mert Alas, A\$AP Rocky, Halle Bailey, Mariacarla Boscono, Sofia Boutella, Michael Braun, Quinta Brunson, Tantoo Cardinal, Emma Chamberlain, Jessica Chastain, Jodie Comer, Emilie Cotter, Chief Marketing Officer, Audi, Sabato De Sarno, Gucci Creative Director, Colman Domingo, Ava DuVernay, Peter Dundas, Kirsten Dunst, Daisy Edgar Jones, Billie Eilish, Miles Fisher, Jane Fonda, Jean-François Palus, Gucci President and CEO, Andrew Garfield, Julia Garner, Lily Gladstone, James Goldstein, Lukas Haas, Jon Hamm, Laura Harrier, Yoshiki Hayashi, Salma Hayek Pinault, Paris Hilton, Kevin Huvane, Kim Kardashian, Heidi Klum, Daniel Kwan, Greta Lee, Miky Lee, Lykke Li, Eva Longoria, Jennifer Lopez, Praya Lundberg, Tobey Maguire, Michael Mann, Niecy Nash-Betts, Lupita Nyong’o, Sam Osborn, David Oyelowo, Elliot Page, Soo-Joo Park, Pedro Pascal, François-Henri Pinault, Brad Pitt, Jesse Plemons, Ke Huy Quan, Keanu Reeves, Rosé, Peter Sarsgaard, Jodie Turner-Smith, Celine Song, Jes Tom, Alessio Vannetti, Gucci Chief Brand Officer, Alexandra Vasquez, Lucy Walker, and Samara Weaving.

In addition to Eva Chow, LACMA trustees in attendance included Board Co-chair Elaine Wynn, as well as the Honorable Colleen Bell, Allison Berg, Boojin Lee, Cheech Marin, Ashley Merrill, Geoff Palmer, Carter Reum, Jim Tananbaum, Maggie Tsai, and Jeff Yabuki.

Wearing Gucci to the 2023 Art+Film Gala were Art+Film Gala co-chairs Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, honorees Judy Baca and David Fincher, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director Michael Govan and Katherine Ross, Ben Affleck, A\$AP Rocky, Odessa A'zion, Halle Bailey, Sofia Boutella, Emma Chamberlain, Jessica Chastain, Jodie Comer, DDG, Kirsten Dunst, Billie Eilish, Mark Foster, Andrew Garfield, Julia Garner, Lily Gladstone, Salma Hayek Pinault, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Lenny Kravitz, Greta Lee, Lykke Li, Jennifer Lopez, Mustafa Ahmed, Lupita Nyong'o, Elliot Page, Soo-Joo Park, Pedro Pascal, Brad Pitt, Jesse Plemons, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Keanu Reeves, Antwaun Sargent, Peter Sarsgaard, Yara Shahidi, Jodie Turner-Smith, Jes Tom, and Samara Weaving.

Wines by JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery. Signature cocktails by KHEE Premium Soju. Additional beverages by FIJI Water.

2023 Art+Film Gala Honorees

About Judy Baca

As one of America's leading visual artists, Dr. Judy Baca has created public art for four decades. In 1974, Baca founded the City of Los Angeles's first mural program, which produced over 400 murals, employed thousands of local participants, and evolved into an arts organization—the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC). She continues to serve as SPARC's artistic director while promoting social justice and participatory public art projects. Her most well-known work is *The Great Wall of Los Angeles*. Located in the San Fernando Valley, the mural spans half a mile and is still a work in progress that is engaging another generation of youth. The mural-making process has exemplified community involvement, employing more than 400 youth and their families from diverse social and economic backgrounds, artists, oral historians, and scholars. In 2017 *The Great Wall of Los Angeles* received national recognition on the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Baca is a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship, the United States Artist Rockefeller Fellowship, and the Mellon Foundation Grant for the expansion of *The Great*

Wall. Most recently, she was honored with the 2021 National Medal of Arts. Baca makes art shaped by an interactive relationship of history, people, and place. Her public artworks focus on revealing and reconciling peoples' struggles for their rights and affirming the community's connections to place. Together, she co-creates "sites of public memory."

About David Fincher

A leading figure in contemporary cinema, David Fincher is an award-winning filmmaker known for his meticulous craftsmanship and distinctive visual style. Fincher's notable feature films include *Se7en* (1995), *Fight Club* (1999), *Zodiac* (2007), *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (2008), *The Social Network* (2010), *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* (2011), *Gone Girl* (2014), *Panic Room* (2002); and *Mank* (2020). In addition to his films, Fincher's creative oeuvre includes directing commercials, music videos, and television shows, including *House of Cards* (2013–18) and *Mindhunter* (2017–19).

About Lenny Kravitz

Regarded as one of the preeminent rock musicians of our time, Lenny Kravitz has transcended genre, style, race, and class over the course of a three-decade-plus musical career. Reveling in the soul, rock, and funk influences of the sixties and seventies, the writer, producer, and multi-instrumentalist has won four consecutive Grammy® Awards as well as setting the record for the most wins in the "Best Male Rock Vocal Performance" category. In addition to his 11 studio albums, which have sold 40 million worldwide, this multidimensional artist has segued into film, appearing as Cinna in the box-office hits *The Hunger Games* and *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*. Kravitz can also be seen in the critically acclaimed films *Precious* and *The Butler*. His creative firm Kravitz Design Inc. touts an impressive portfolio of noteworthy ventures, including hotel properties, condominium projects, private residences, and high-end legendary brands. Most recently, Kravitz was selected as a 2023 Hollywood Walk of Fame inductee and will be releasing a new album, *Blue Electric Light*, in March 2024.

About LACMA

Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of nearly 152,000 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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