

LACMA Announces 2025 Art+Film Gala Honoring Artist Mary Corse and Filmmaker Ryan Coogler

The 14th Annual Event, Held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, Is Co-Chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio and Presented by Gucci



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(Los Angeles, CA—August 25, 2025) The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) will host its 14th Art+Film Gala on Saturday, November 1, honoring two groundbreaking creatives whose work has reshaped their respective fields: pioneering artist Mary Corse and visionary filmmaker Ryan Coogler.

LACMA trustee Eva Chow and actor Leonardo DiCaprio, longtime champions of the museum's film initiatives, return as 2025 Art+Film Gala Co-Chairs. Gucci continues its invaluable support as the Presenting Sponsor, a role it has held since the gala's inception in 2011.

"Mary Corse has continually expanded the possibilities of painting in her exquisite works, which invite us to think deeply about the nature of perception," said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. "Ryan Coogler's films do something equally transformative. Through masterful storytelling and visual innovation, he reframes history, redefines narratives, and opens new worlds of

possibility. Both artists challenge us to see differently whether through a shift in light or a shift in narrative and that is at the heart of what museums aspire to do.”

“This year’s gala will be a truly special one as we honor the incredible L.A. artist Mary Corse and trailblazing filmmaker Ryan Coogler,” said Gala Co-chair Eva Chow. “This event wouldn’t be possible without the collaboration of Gucci, our partner since the first Art+Film Gala. We are grateful for their continued generosity to the museum, and we’re especially excited to welcome Gucci’s new Artistic Director, Demna, to LACMA and the creative community in Los Angeles.”

This year’s gala will take place against the backdrop of LACMA’s nearly completed David Geffen Galleries, the new building designed by Pritzker Prize winning architect Peter Zumthor and scheduled to open to the public in April 2026. Guests will gather on the museum’s campus as the striking new structure, which stands ready to usher in the next chapter of LACMA’s history.

Proceeds from the annual Art+Film Gala go toward underwriting 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 that explore the intersection of art and film.

2025 Art+Film Honorees

About Mary Corse

A key member of the Los Angeles artist community from the 1960s to the present, Mary Corse is often associated with the Light and Space movement but has always been committed to painting. She has continually investigated the ways in which light can be both subject and material as well as emphasizing the abstract nature of human perception. Corse graduated from Chouinard in Los Angeles in 1968 and since that time has had many exhibitions of her work. Recent exhibitions include *Mary Corse: A Survey in Light*, which was presented at the Whitney Museum of American Art and LACMA in 2018 and 2019, respectively. The artist’s work can be found in the permanent collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Dia Art Foundation, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; Centre Pompidou, Paris; the Long Museum, Shanghai; and Amorepacific Museum, Seoul; among other institutions.

About Ryan Coogler

Ryan Coogler is a writer, director and producer. Coogler wrote, directed and produced with Zinzi Coogler and Sev Ohanian the supernatural period film *Sinners*, which was released in March 2025 starring Michael B. Jordan. Coogler’s three-time Academy Award® winner *Black Panther* became the most successful domestic release of 2018. Coogler wrote and directed the Academy Award-winning hit sequel

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, released in November 2022. Coogler's other directed films include *Creed* and his acclaimed debut *Fruitvale Station*. His co-founded production company Proximity Media has produced *Space Jam: A New Legacy*, the Academy Award winning *Judas and the Black Messiah* and the box office success *Creed III*, among various other projects.

About LACMA Productions

LACMA Productions is an award-winning extension of the museum's film initiative. Over the last 14 years, along with the establishment of the Art+Film initiative, LACMA has dedicated resources to producing short documentary films on artists including Judy Baca, John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, David Hockney, Barbara Kruger, James Turrell, Robert Irwin, Mark Bradford, Catherine Opie, Simone Leigh, Betye Saar, Amy Sherald and Kehinde Wiley, and Helen Pashgian. By producing as well as commissioning work from emerging and mid-career filmmakers, the museum has created a series of short documentaries that have earned official selections at some of the leading international film festivals including the Sundance Film Festival, SXSW, DOC NYC, Tribeca, Sheffield Doc/Fest, Full Frame, and AFI DOCS. Past filmmakers include Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, Lance Accord, Doug Pray, Lucy Walker, Jessica Yu, Pippa Bianco, Lisanne Skyler, Dime Davis, Sini Anderson, Christine Turner, Anika Kan Grevstad, Alejandra Vasquez and Sam Osborn, and Madeleine Hunt-Ehrlich. This year, Alysa Nahmias will be directing a short film about Mary Corse.

For more information about the 2025 Art+Film Gala tickets and table sales, contact artandfilm@lacma.org or 323 857-4770.

About LACMA

Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of more than 150,000 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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