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'Skyway 2024: A Contemporary Collaboration' Unites Five Bay Area Museums in an Innovative Art Exhibition

[TAMPA, FL – April 17, 2024]—The highly anticipated *Skyway 2024: A Contemporary Collaboration* exhibition is set to be showcased at five leading art institutions across the Tampa Bay area this year. The museums participating in this triennial exhibition—the **Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg**; **The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art**; **Sarasota Art Museum of Ringling College of Art and Design**; the **Tampa Museum of Art**; and the **University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum**—are proud to announce their joint effort in presenting this groundbreaking showcase.

Skyway 2024 embodies the theme of boundless exploration and unity, reflecting the limitless potential of artistic expression in the region. This collaborative effort will feature a diverse array of contemporary art, including paintings, sculptures, installations, and multimedia presentations by 63 artists and art collectives living and working in the Tampa Bay area.

Exhibition Dates and Artists

Each museum will host a distinct grouping of Tampa Bay area artists and art collectives in *Skyway 2024*, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to embark on a comprehensive journey through the vibrant contemporary art landscape of the Tampa Bay region.

On view at The Ringling from May 25 through January 26, 2025: Caitlin Albritton, Ainaz Alipour, Mohsen Azar, Saumitra Chandratreya, Elisabeth Condon, Robyn “Avalon” Crosa, Rachel de Cuba, Jake Fernandez, Akiko Kotani, Carol Mickett and Robert Stackhouse, Libbi Ponce, Michael Vasquez, and Joo Woo.

On view at the MFA St. Petersburg from July 13 through November 3, 2024: Will Douglas, Kendra Frorup, Emily Martinez, Cynthia Mason, Carola Miles, Anat Pollack, and Emiliano Settecasì.

On view at the USF Contemporary Art Museum from July 19 through November 23, 2024: Elisabeth Condon, Keith Crowley, John Gurbacs, Karen Tucker Kuykendall, Caui Lofgren, Bruce Marsh, Eric Ondina, Sebastian Ore Blas, Andres Ramirez, Bradford Robotham, Erin Titus, and Susanna Wallin.

On view at Sarasota Art Museum from July 28 through October 27, 2024: Kim Anderson, Ryan Day, Sue Havens, Dominique Labauvie, Tatiana Mesa Paján, Samantha Modder, Roger Clay Palmer, Herion Park, Gabriel Ramos, Eszter Sziksz, Jill Taffet, Rob Tarbell, Kirk Ke Wang, Willow Wells, and Corinne Zepeda.

On view at the Tampa Museum of Art from August 28 through January 5, 2025: Marc Brechwald, Samo Davis, Aesopbookofrot (Danielle Dragani), Joe Fig, Adrian Gomez, JD Hardy, Sami Harthoorn, Cort Hartle, Latonya Hicks, Dallas Jackson, Aimee Jones, Candace Knapp, David Mack, David McCauley, Marina Shalthout, David Sibbitt, Yajaira Urzua-Reyes, and Corinne Zepeda.

Collaborative Curation and Community Engagement

The selection of artworks for *Skyway 2024* was a collaborative endeavor, with curatorial teams from each museum working together to showcase the region’s dynamic and varied artistic talents. Museum curators reviewed over 300 submissions in response to an open call to artists from Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties. This initiative highlights local artists’ creativity and strengthens the community's connection to contemporary art. The curators working together for this third iteration of *Skyway* include the following:

- **Evan Garza**, Guest Juror for *Skyway 2024* and Independent Curator
- **Christopher Jones**, the Stanton B. and Nancy W. Kaplan Curator of Photography and Media Art, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
- **Katherine Pill**, Senior Curator of Contemporary Art, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg
- **Joanna Robotham**, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Tampa Museum of Art
- **Christian Viveros-Fauné**, Curator-at-Large, USF Contemporary Art Museum
- **Ola Wlusek**, the Keith D. Monda Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
- **Rangsook Yoon**, Ph.D., Senior Curator, Sarasota Art Museum of Ringling College of Art and Design

Anticipated Impact and Legacy

Skyway 2024: A Contemporary Collaboration is more than an exhibition; it is a celebration of artistic innovation and a testament to the collaborative spirit of the Tampa Bay art community. This project promises to leave a lasting impact on the region by shining a spotlight on the artistic voices of the central gulf-coast Florida region, inspiring future generations of artists and art enthusiasts alike.

A full-color catalog will accompany the exhibition. It will include curatorial essays and information about each artist and their work.

This exhibition is supported by the Gobioff Foundation and the Stanton Storer Embrace the Arts Foundation.

For more information, visit the official *Skyway 2024* website at skywaytampabay.com

ABOUT THE JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART

The Ringling is Florida's center for the arts, history, and learning, bringing the past and contemporary culture to life through its significant European collection, an expanding Asian collection, and a focus on contemporary artistic exploration, both locally and globally. As the State Art Museum of Florida and part of Florida State University, The Ringling is a place of exploration, discovery, and respite. The Ringling's campus in Sarasota, Florida – including the Museum of Art, the Circus Museum, a historic mansion, an 18th-century theater, and Bayfront Gardens – is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Museum Hours + Admissions

THE RINGLING Hours: Open Daily 10am–5pm

Please visit ringling.org or call (941) 539-5700 for more information on admission, current and future exhibitions and programming. The Ringling is located at 5401 Bay Shore Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, ST. PETERSBURG

The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (MFA) has an encyclopedic collection of art from around the globe and across the centuries, with almost 5,000 years of civilization represented in thousands of objects extending from antiquity to the present. The collection includes works by Georgia O'Keeffe, Claude Monet, Berthe Morisot, Auguste Rodin, Kehinde Wiley, Jacob Lawrence, and many others, as well as ancient Greek and Roman, Asian, African, Art of the Americas, and Native American art. The Museum's photographic collection is one of the largest and most well-respected in the Southeast. The museum's rotating exhibition galleries feature a diverse selection of temporary exhibitions from all over the world, as well as exhibitions curated from the museum's extensive collection. In addition to its robust exhibition program, the MFA engages the community through exciting public programs and events and serves students through youth programs and a partnership with the Pinellas County School System.

Museum Hours + Admissions

MFA Hours: Tue–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun Noon–5 pm, Closed Monday

To learn more about MFA pricing, current exhibitions, and related museum programs, please visit mfastpete.org or call (727) 896-2667 for more information. Senior, military, educator, student, and youth admission discounts are available. The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg is located at 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

ABOUT SARASOTA ART MUSEUM

Sarasota Art Museum of Ringling College of Art and Design is a dynamic laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art. As Sarasota's only museum solely focused on contemporary artists and their work, Sarasota Art Museum offers visitors a place to see thought-provoking exhibitions and participate in education programs that start conversations and amplify the city's creative spirit. Located in the historic Sarasota High School, Sarasota Art Museum opened to the public in 2019 and features 15,000 square feet of dedicated exhibition space, a plaza court, the Great Lawn featuring temporary sculpture and site-specific installations, Bistro, and SHOP. Sarasota Art Museum is home to a robust portfolio of education programs for all ages, including The Studios at SAM, a vibrant studio arts program, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Ringling College, which offers a variety of courses for adult learners.

Museum Hours + Admissions

Sarasota Art Museum Hours: Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 11am–5pm

Please visit sarasotaartmuseum.org/visit or call (941) 309-4300 for more information about current exhibitions, public programs, and pricing. Sarasota Art Museum is always free for Ringling College of Art and Design Students, staff, faculty, and alumni, as well as Veterans and Active Duty Military. Sarasota Art Museum is located at 1001 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236.

ABOUT TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART

Established in 1920, the Tampa Museum of Art stands as a beacon of culture and education in the heart of downtown Tampa. Celebrating over a century of artistic excellence, the Museum offers a rich tapestry of experiences, ranging from ancient treasures to contemporary expressions. It proudly houses an extensive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, one of the largest in the southeastern United States, and a diverse collection of modern and contemporary art encompassing sculpture, photography, painting, and new media. The Museum's commitment to education and community engagement shines through its Vinik Family Education Center. This facility provides a variety of year-round art classes, insightful lectures, and engaging tours for all ages, fostering artistic discovery and learning. Through innovative outreach programs, the Museum extends its reach, offering art-therapy-informed initiatives and creative platforms for diverse community segments. As a cornerstone of Tampa's cultural landscape, the Tampa Museum of Art is dedicated to enriching lives and celebrating the city's vibrant diversity. Following a significant renovation completed in 2023, the Museum continues to evolve, embarking on a major expansion to enhance its exhibition spaces and educational facilities. This initiative is set to further its mission of providing immersive, hands-on experiences for visitors and expanding its role as a pivotal cultural hub.

Museum Hours + Admissions

TMA Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–5pm, Thurs 10am–8pm

For tickets and information, visit TampaMuseum.org or call (813) 274-8130. Located at 120 W. Gasparilla Plaza. Tampa, FL 33602, the Tampa Museum of Art is open seven days a week.

ABOUT USF CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM

USF Contemporary Art Museum (USFCAM) organizes and presents significant and investigative exhibitions of contemporary art from Florida, the United States and around the world. Serving as a teaching laboratory, USFCAM's curatorial and socially engaged initiatives and educational programs are designed to present the students, faculty, and community with current issues of contemporary art practice, and to explore the role of the arts in society. USFCAM publishes relevant catalogs, presents critically recognized traveling exhibitions and commissions new projects by national and international artists. USFCAM maintains the university's art collection, comprising more than 5000 contemporary art works. The USF Contemporary Art Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Museum Hours + Admissions

Hours: Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Thurs 10am–8pm, Sat 1–4pm, Closed Sunday and University Holidays

Located at 3821 USF Holly Drive, Tampa, FL 33620, on the University of South Florida Tampa campus, admission to the museum is free and open to all. A USF parking permit (\$5.00 daily) or pay-per-space parking is required. For more information visit cam.usf.edu or call (813) 974-4133.

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