

LACMA Announces 2023 Art+Film Gala Honoring Artist Judy Baca and Filmmaker David Fincher**The 12th Annual Event, Held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, Is Co-Chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio and Presented by Gucci**

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(Los Angeles, CA—June 13, 2023) The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announces the date and honorees of its 2023 Art+Film Gala. On Saturday, November 4, LACMA will honor Judy Baca and David Fincher. LACMA trustee Eva Chow and actor Leonardo DiCaprio have championed the museum’s film initiatives since 2011, and will continue their efforts as the 2023 Art+Film Gala Co-Chairs. 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.

“Judy Baca is one of the most important American artists working today. Drawing inspiration from her hometown of Los Angeles, Baca gives permanence to local histories through her monumental artworks, such as *The Great Wall of Los Angeles*. We are thrilled to honor Judy for her achievements, for her commitment to public art, and for her impact in the cultural landscape of Los Angeles and beyond,” said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. “Through his award-winning films, David Fincher tells compelling stories and sheds light on human psychology. His unique vision pulls audiences deeper into his cinematic world. We look forward to honoring Judy and David this November and celebrating the important role that art and film plays in telling human stories.”

The museum is pleased to announce that new work by Judy Baca will debut in a solo exhibition opening this fall at LACMA.

“We look forward to celebrating Judy Baca and David Fincher’s careers and accomplishments at this year’s Art+Film Gala,” said Gala Co-Chair Eva Chow. “Since the inception of this event, Gucci has been our longstanding partner and we’re grateful for their continued support.”

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.

2023 Art+Film 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 Andrew W. 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 LACMA Productions

LACMA Productions is an award-winning extension of the museum's film initiative. Over the last 12 years, along with the establishment of the Art+Film initiative, LACMA has dedicated resources to producing short documentary films on artists including John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, David Hockney, Barbara Kruger, James Turrell, Robert Irwin, Mark Bradford, Catherine Opie, 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, and Anika Kan Grevstad. This year, Alejandra Vasquez and Sam Osborn will be directing a short film about Judy Baca.

For more information about the 2023 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 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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