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TORRANCE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS
WESTERN VALUES: Re-thinking the 'Old West'

January 20 – March 02, 2024
Opening Reception: Saturday, January 20, 6-9pm



Torrance Art Museum re-examines ideas of the 'Old West'

VENUE: Torrance Art Museum

LOCATION: 3320 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503

DATES: January 20 – March 02, 2024

TORRANCE, CA – Torrance Art Museum (TAM) presents a new winter exhibition exploring the ideas of the 'Old West' and how the West can be visually interpreted now, in terms of both its historical import and its contemporary alignments.

Wild West tropes have influenced many contemporary artists who examine the identities we generate through these models of Americanism. The movie & TV industry in particular have spread notions of the 'Old West', and its perceived culture, identity and individualism across the

globe and generated a range of stereotypes and iconic figures. The artists participating in Western Values continue to explore fertile new ground by simultaneously critiquing these narratives of the 'Old West' while introducing new stories which reflect a more diverse community and alternative ways of looking at both these histories and current situations.

Curated by Sue-Na Gay and Max Presneill.

Featured artists: Cara Romero, Dana Claxton, Edie Winograde, Ishi Glinsky, Julie Orser, Kyla Hansen, Manuello Paganelli, Pascual Sisto, River Garza, Rosson Crow

WESTERN VALUES will be on view from January 20 – March 02, 2024 at Torrance Art Museum. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 6pm-9pm

ALSO ON VIEW at Torrance Art Museum January 20 – March 02, 2024.

Gallery Two – *Everything you say can and will be used against you*

A new solo exhibition by artist Brian Singer that confronts the current state of American society.

In *Everything you say can and will be used against you*, Singer deconstructs and reassembles recognizable and culturally-charged objects to create new contexts that expose, address, and reframe some of the most contentious social issues of our time. Informed by his views growing up half-Japanese with a mother who was interned during WWII, Singer's predominant focus on injustice is represented through a wide-ranging body of work that synthesizes the many contradictions and unconformable realities of the modern American ethos.

Such issues encompass the country's attitude and response to refugees, gentrification, income inequality, surveillance, patriotism, land rights, and banned books.

For more information, please visit:
TorranceArtMuseum.com

Torrance Art Museum:

Founded in 2005, Torrance Art Museum is the premier visual art space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. The museum encourages all people to develop and increase their understanding and appreciation for modern programs, artist talks, lectures, and symposia. Through its emphasis on contemporary artistic expression in Southern California and globally, Torrance Art Museum brings together visual artists and community members; fosters experiences in the arts to strengthen creative and critical thinking skills; and builds bridges between the visual arts and other disciplines in the humanities and sciences.

Torrance Art Museum is a program of the City of Torrance Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department.

For more information please visit www.TorranceArtMuseum.com or call 310-618-6388.

Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the Torrance Art Museum is Free.

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