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TORRANCE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS

BAKER'S DOZEN 2020

Rewilding Structures

September 19 – October 24, 2020



William Bradley, Start Your Engines, 2020

VENUE: Torrance Art Museum LOCATION: 3320 Civic Center Dr, Torrance, CA DATES: September 19 – October 24, 2020

TORRANCE, CA – Torrance Art Museum (TAM) Torrance Art Museum (TAM) is pleased to announce two new exhibitions for fall: *Baker's Dozen 2020* in the Main Gallery and *Rewilding Structures* in Gallery Two.

Main Gallery: *Baker's Dozen 2020* acts as a review of sorts; a survey show of thirteen artists whose work made an impression upon the curators in the last year. These thirteen reflect current directions in Southern Californian contemporary art practices.

Historically, a Baker's Dozen is thirteen instead of twelve, as British bakers in the 13th century gave customers an extra loaf of bread to avoid being punished by King Henry III for cheating the public when serving up notoriously light loaves. It takes on new meaning during 2020, considering all the necessary pandemic closures that robbed the public of experiences. As with previous Baker's Dozens, the selections within this exhibition reflect our own preconceptions and biases, centering on artistic endeavors at this moment in history. 2020 has proven to be a year of daunting challenges, and it is insightful to discover how new creations can either follow, oppose and/or move beyond the influences of our particular times.

What do these works of art reflect upon this historically charged moment?

Featured artists: Sula Bermúdez-Silverman, William Bradley, Reed van Brunschot, Yasmine Diaz, Ana Carolina Estarita-Guerrero, Carlson Hatton, David Hendren, Yung Jake, Mayuko Kono, Jana Sophia Nolle, Sean Noyce, Kristopher Raos, Esther Ruiz.

Gallery Two – *Rewilding Structures* is a love letter to the forces of entropy and decay, asking the viewer to consider what will be left when humanity is gone. The artists examine the ecological and geographic characteristics of our current epoch, and the results of human activity upon it. The exhibition is a critique of the detritus of Humanity, not for future generations of people, but for potential future life forms that follow.

Curated by Hope Ezcurra. Featured artists: Jeff Frost, Lawrence Gipe, Jack Henry, John Hudson, Ashton Phillips, Sandy Rodriguez, Matt Taylor, Domingos Tótora, Kylie White.

Fall Exhibitions are on view from Saturday, September 19 - Saturday, October 24, 2020. As always TAM is free and accessible to the public, but now with some new procedures in place to keep all physical visitors to the museum safe and secure, in addition to making more online resources available for viewers at home.

Please contact TAM / visit the website for full details concerning opening hours (as times are subject to change), and to make an advance reservation before visiting: <u>www.TorranceArtMuseum.com</u>.

About Torrance Art Museum:

Founded in 2005, the 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, the 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 & reservations visit www.TorranceArtMuseum.com or call 310-618-6388.

Museum Hours (please contact TAM and visit the website for updates concerning opening hours and to make a reservation):

Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the Torrance Art Museum is Free.

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