

BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART

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BOCA RATON, FL – The Boca Raton Museum of Art presents the 11th annual BIJOUX! Contemporary Jewelry Exhibition and Sale taking place Wednesday, March 20 through Saturday, March 23, 2023 in the Museum’s Grand Hall. Twenty-three artists from around the world, including Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, and Argentina, will present jewelry for visitors to explore, try on, and purchase.

BIJOUX! Is exclusively dedicated to contemporary jewelry, and has gained international recognition under its founder, art consultant and jewelry collector Donna Schneier. Prior to launching BIJOUX! in Florida, Schneier co-founded the prestigious LOOT show, now known as MAD About Jewelry, at New York City’s Museum of Arts & Design.

This year’s edition of BIJOUX! features guest artist Kiff Slemmons, a contemporary American metalsmith widely acclaimed for her jewelry practice. Slemmons’ art jewelry is known for her work with non-precious and found materials, most notably sculptural jewelry in paper and metal. Her paper jewelry creations emerged in 2000 from an art residence at Taller Arte Papel Oaxaca, a workshop in Mexico set up to make handmade paper and products for sale in local boutiques. In Oaxaca, Slemmons experimented with stylish designs made from paper that could be replicated in the workshop by local artists. Slemmons’ work in sculptural jewelry is collected by many notable museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Smithsonian American Art Museum, and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

BIJOUX!’s returning Guest Curator is Jennifer Scanlan, Deputy Director of the Craft Alliance in St. Louis, MO. Scanlan has over 20 years of curatorial experience with an interdisciplinary practice, focusing on contemporary art and design. She has worked in public art, exhibitions, and programming in government entities, organizations, and museums across the country.

Also featured are international artists such as Uli Rapp from the Netherlands and Adriana Del Duca from Italy, and Sofia Pagano from Argentina. Six of the featured artists are from Israel, including Nirit Dekel and Sara Shahak. Fifty percent of this year’s artists are new to the BIJOUX! exhibition, ensuring a fresh and exciting experience to visitors.

BIJOUX! Contemporary Jewelry Exhibition and Sale is open to the public on Thursday, March 21 through Saturday, March 23, 2024 during the museum’s operating hours (11 am – 8 pm Thursday, 11 am – 6 pm Friday & Saturday). A Preview Party and Presale is available to Patron-level Members on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Admission to BIJOUX! is free with paid museum admission and is presented in the Boca Raton Museum of Art’s Grand Hall. A limited number of group tours will be available.

BIJOUX! SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Preview Party & Presale

Wednesday, March 20 / 6:00 – 8:00 pm

BIJOUX! Public Hours

Thursday, March 21 / 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday, March 22 / 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 22 / 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Lecture – Sustainability in Jewelry with Mara Colecchia

Thursday, March 21 / 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Italian artist Mara Colecchia presents a lecture on sustainability in jewelry design with a discussion on creating jewelry from found, recycled, and unusual objects.

Cocktails & Conversation with Guest Artist Kiff Slemmons

Thursday, March 21 / 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Kiff Slemmons discusses the process and inspiration behind her iconic sculptural jewelry.

Artist Demonstration with Michel McNabb

Friday, March 22 / 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

BIJOUX! participant and Art School instructor Michel McNabb discusses the history and versatility of enamel jewelry.

Meet & Mingle with the Artists

Friday, March 22 / 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Visitors can meet the participating BIJOUX! artists and learn about their jewelry.

'Tag, You're It!' Family Workshop with Kiff Slemmons

Saturday, March 23 / 10:00 – 11:00 am

Slemmons joins a family-friendly workshop where participants learn to make jewelry using paper tags.

Purchase tickets and learn more about BIJOUX! events at www.bocamuseum.org/bijoux

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

Founded by artists in 1950 as the Art Guild of Boca Raton, the Boca Raton Museum of Art has evolved into a vital cultural resource. The Museum's original building on Palmetto Park Road now serves as the Museum's Art School, nestled within a 3-acre sculpture park. In 2001, the Museum was provided land in Mizner Park, a mixed-use area in downtown Boca Raton. Designed by Donald Singer, the current Museum facility, with its bold volumes and emblematic design, reflects the spirit of Addison Mizner's Mediterranean Revival architecture of the 1920s that provided an indelible mark on Boca Raton.

Located in Palm Beach County, the Museum attracts visitors from a wide range of regions, with nearly 50% being cultural tourists from drive markets or out-of-state, underscoring the appeal of its reputation, quality of programs, and supporting the Museum's mission to be *a vital cultural resource dedicated to the creative life*.

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