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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is a busy and exciting time for the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art. We spent much of the past year packing our collection, and with artwork and staff now safely out of the building, the renovation of our museum can begin. We look forward to showing you the results of our hard work and planning when we reopen in fall 2019.

In the meantime, the museum remains active in other ways, as you will read in this inaugural issue of our new magazine. This fall we will co-sponsor an exhibition titled A Shared Elegy at the Grunwald Gallery of Art in IU’s School of Art & Design. Featuring the work of four different photographers and focusing on the topic of family ties, the show will bring two esteemed national photographers to Bloomington, Emmet Gowin and his son, Elijah Gowin, pairing their artistic visions with the work of IU Professor of Photography Osamu James Nakagawa, and his uncle Takayuki Ogawa. We are also working with the School of Art & Design and the Lotus Education and Arts Foundation to bring textile artist Isabel Berglund to Bloomington for a residency that will feature workshops, a guest lecture, an artist talk, and sample installations. And, as the recent acquisitions featured here attest, we continue to build all areas of our collection. Our education department also begins a new outreach program through which they visit Indiana classrooms to teach about the world of art. We are also happy to announce a new art award named in honor of our long-time Curator of Education Ed Maxedon, which will be given annually to an outstanding teacher in Indiana. We are working hard to remain active by promoting the arts in Indiana and building the internal structure and systems to ensure the museum has the necessary resources to be one of the best teaching museums in the country.

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I am very proud of the work our staff has completed over the last twelve months, as well as the work we will continue to do during the museum’s renovation. We look forward to sharing news and activities with you while the museum undergoes this great metamorphosis.

We need your support during this time. Please join us by attending an event, following us online, or contributing directly to the mission of our magnificent museum.

Sincerely,

David A. Brenneman
Wilma E. Kelley Director
Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art at Indiana University

EDUCATION

Museum Creates the Edward Maxedon Award for Excellence, Creativity, and Innovation in Art Education

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The first award will be given at the Youth Art Month reception in March 2018. Ed’s mission in education has been to bring art from the museum’s collection to life and provide visitors with opportunities to “identify and articulate what they see in their own words; to level the playing field, break down any barriers or intimidation with art, and be sure that each individual is heard, valued, and validated for their contributions.” The goal is to create an endowment of at least $25,000, which would allow for an annual monetary award of $1,000 to help fund the winning teacher’s efforts toward furthering arts education at their school.

The future is bright for art education at the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art. This fall, our docents will extend the museum’s educational programs into classrooms at schools in Monroe County and beyond. As a result of the renovation, the education department will gain a new Center for Education as well as additional facilities and resources. We are also hiring a new Director of Education who will lead the museum into its next chapter. These achievements would not be possible without Ed’s invaluable contributions over his long and distinguished career at the museum. We are very excited that we will be able to continue his legacy through this new annual award named in his honor.
This fall the Grunwald Gallery and the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art will present the exhibition *A Shared Elegy*, which features the work of four photographers connected by family ties: Emmet Gowin; his son, Elijah Gowin; Osamu James Nakagawa; and his late uncle, Takayuki Ogawa. This collaboration recognizes the gallery and museum as key venues for displaying and collecting contemporary photography.

Elijah’s and Emmet’s work has been exhibited around the world. Their deeply spiritual photographs reflect not only a time gone by but also the universality of the life experience that is relevant to every family. Home ties in Virginia have inspired the Gowins to make photographs that depict the intimate and hallowed nature of the world. These images compel us to reflect on our own lineage and consider our place in the progression of generations and the cycle of life. Nakagawa, like his uncle Ogawa, grew up in Japan and draws upon his country’s traditions and the practice of honoring elders. Nakagawa has made the theme of family connections central to his life’s work. Ogawa is known for his images of New York in 1969, as well as a series of self-portraits taken throughout his battle and recovery from cancer during 1995–97.

Cultural differences can be perceived in the four photographers’ work; however, there are many similarities surrounding important life events, including birth; the raising of children; connections with home, aging, and illness; and death. While there are some difficult images in the exhibition, the artists do not shy away from these moments. The inclusion of these works, along with those that are joyful and effusive, create a complete story about the universal cycle of life and death.

An accompanying exhibition catalogue features an introduction by Nan Brewer, the Eskenazi Museum of Art’s Lucienne M. Glaubinger Curator of Works on Paper, and essays by Yoshiko Suzuki, Curator at the Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, and Joel Smith, Curator of Photography at the Morgan Library and Museum, along with more than eighty images.

*A Shared Elegy* is made possible by the College Arts and Humanities Institute, the Grunwald Fund, the McKinney Visiting Artist Series, the Center for Integrative Photographic Studies, the School of Art + Design at Indiana University, and the Eskenazi Museum of Art. Additional support came in part from David and Martha Moore, David H. Jacobs, Nancy and Bill Hunt, Susan Thrasher, and Emmet and Edith Gowin.

**A SHARED ELEGY**
October 13–November 16, 2017
Grunwald Gallery, Fine Arts Building 110
1201 E. Seventh Street
Gallery Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 12–4pm and by appointment

**EXHIBITION EVENTS**
Friday, October 13, 2017
Panel Discussion, 3–4:30 p.m., Fine Arts 025
McKinney Lecture by Emmet Gowin, 5–6 p.m., Fine Arts 015
Opening Reception, 6–8 p.m., Grunwald Gallery

Friday, October 20, 2017
Gallery Talk: Family Heritage: A Shared Elegy by Osamu James Nakagawa, noon–1 p.m., Grunwald Gallery

Part of the Power of Words Series, a joint initiative between the Monroe County Public Library and Friends of the Library.
RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Seat ed Figure with Hands to Head
by Elizabeth Catlett

With the acquisition of this sculpture, the Eskenazi Museum of Art adds a work by one of the most significant American artists of the twentieth century to its collection. Born in Washington, DC, Elizabeth Catlett studied at Howard University and at the University of Iowa with renowned regionalist painter Grant Wood, who encouraged her to develop her talents as a sculptor. Frustrated by the limited opportunities available for African Americans in the United States, Catlett moved to Mexico City in 1946, and became a Mexican citizen in 1962. The politically and socially engaged prints she produced at Mexico City’s Taller de Gráfica Popular have become icons of twentieth-century art, and they reflect her activism in support of the civil rights movement in the United States and against human rights abuses in Latin America. Catlett’s sculptures often portray archetypal African or African American women, either alone or with children. The intimately sized sculpture now in the museum’s collection is posed in a manner that recalls traditional Western depictions of melancholy (as in Albrecht Dürer’s famous engraving Melancholia), but the solidity of the figure’s limbs suggest strength, and her mask-like face hints at resolve while also referencing African art.

Egyptian Comb with Ornamental Design

This Egyptian comb from the ninth century is a recent addition to our ancient collection. Carved from wood, with thick teeth on one side and finer teeth on the other, it has an ornamental design that was cut into the central panels. On one side, the design seems anthropomorphic: the viewer can glimpse eyes and a nose (which make the thick teeth seem like actual teeth and the fine teeth like hair). The comb itself is recognizable as a tool used in daily life, and the whimsical feeling that comes from the discovery of a hidden face is also familiar. Objects like this help us bridge large gaps in time and engage with life in the ancient world.

Drawing and Prints by Jim Dine

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Falcon by Kiki Smith

Although recognized as a sculptor and installation artist, Kiki Smith is also known as a printmaker, particularly for her realistic images based on dead animals. The museum’s collection already included several smaller works by Smith, but Falcon (2001) is our first major print by the artist. For this large-scale image, Smith used an intaglio technique to carefully render the bird’s feathers and to create a haunting, macabre effect through the inclusion of a solid black hood over the bird’s head and flowing tendrils.

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Jim Dine (American, born 1935)

Flock Cactus, 1991

Graphite, pastel, and colored pencil on conjoined paper

Museum purchase with funds from Burton and Suzanne Bongeith in honor of Linda Watson, and the Clarence W. and Mildred Long Art Purchase Fund, Eskenazi Museum of Art 2017.74

VISITING ARTIST
ISABEL BERGLUND

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his fall, the Eskenazi Museum of Art at Indiana University is partnering with IU School of Art + Design, Lotus Education and Arts Foundation, IU Textile Artist Association, and IU Arts and Humanities Council to support an artist residency. Danish textile artist Isabel Berglund, known for her large-scale knitting events and participatory art projects, comes to Bloomington September 12–October 5, 2017. This residency offers the artist the opportunity to immerse herself in the local cityscape and partner with the IU and Bloomington communities to create a social art project. The project, called Home Mask Relations—A Social Art Project, explores themes of togetherness, relationships, and home. Berglund will lead workshops at which participants will knit and crochet pieces representing the floor plans of their homes. She will then assemble the pieces into a finished installation. The project invites people to create together while celebrating diversity within our community.

Free artist talks and workshops will be provided at multiple locations, including several opportunities during the 24th Lotus Festival. The workshops are free and open to the public. Supplies will be provided. Beginners are welcome.

During the last week of her residency, a sample of Berglund’s finished work will be on view at the 24th Lotus World Music and Arts Festival at the Lotus Arts Village, and at Lotus in the Park. The installation will also be on view at the IU First Thursday Festival on October 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on the Fine Arts Plaza near the art museum.

Members of the museum’s Director’s Circle, Jane and Pat also serve as co-chairs of the museum’s National Advisory Board. In addition to recent support for the museum’s new Guide to the Collection, the couple has helped with art acquisitions and special exhibitions, and they have given a significant gift in honor of Pat’s father, Wes Martin, to help with renovations of the third floor gallery. Recently, through thoughtful estate planning, Jane and Pat have also established a planned gift that will benefit the museum’s education department and educational programming, cementing a legacy that will benefit IU students and museum visitors for many years to come.

Jane and Pat are eager to see the results of the museum’s renovation project. Jane says, “It’s thrilling that the museum’s education mission will be featured front and center with dedicated education spaces and learning centers.” Pat is excited for the new and innovative ways visitors will be able to engage with art.

Join the Martins as a Member of the Director’s Circle and Enjoy Unique Opportunities

Did you know that you can make a gift to the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art that provides you and/or another beneficiary with guaranteed income for life, and you may also benefit from significant tax savings? Best of all, you are preserving art for the enrichment of everyone.

Artful Living: Receive Income Today, Leave a Legacy for Tomorrow

For more information on life income gifts, leaving a legacy, or joining the museum’s Director’s Circle, contact Patricia Winterton, Associate Director for Development, at pwinterton@indiana.edu or 812-855-1031.
**Herb & Dorothy**

Movie: *Herb & Dorothy* (2008, HD, 87 min. Not rated)
Directed by Megumi Sasaki

Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m., IU Cinema
Post-screening discussion with collector Dorothy Vogel will follow the movie.

Considered one of the best documentaries about art and artists, this award-winning film tells the incredible story of a New York City postal clerk and a librarian, who built one of the country’s most important collections of contemporary art and then gave it away to museums. The filmmaker, Megumi Sasaki, interviews not only the collectors and their family but also famous artists like Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Lynda Benglis, Will Barnet, and Chuck Close. The Vogels’ story is an inspiring example of the intersection of art, passion, and philanthropy.

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**Red Grooms**

New York–based collector Dorothy Vogel, who is featured in the documentary with her late husband, Herb, will make a special appearance following the 3 p.m. screening of Herb & Dorothy. She will be joined in a short post-film Q&A by the Eskenazi Museum of Art’s Wilma E. Kelley Director, David A. Brenneman. Her visit is made possible in part by the Art and a Movie Film Series, endowed by Marsha R. Bradford and Harold A. Dumes, and the Lucienne M. Glaubinger Endowed Fund for the Curator of Works on Paper.

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Although best known for his paintings, prints, and large sculptural constructions, Pop artist Red Grooms was also an influential experimental filmmaker during the 1960s and ’70s. This program begins with an Academy Award®–nominated documentary short, provided by IU Libraries Moving Image Archive, and concludes with two of Grooms’s early experimental films. *Fat Feet*, a collaboration with Mimi Gross, Yvonne Andersen, and Dominic Falcone, was described by Grooms as “a city symphony, with living comic strip characters and sound.” While this live-action and animated short evokes bawdy Keystone Cops, *Tappy Toes*—called the last underground musical—mixes the flamboyancy of Busby Berkeley with the political bullying of Mayor Daley’s Chicago.
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