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VIRGINIA MOCA ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS *COLLECTOR'S EDITION* AND *OPEN (C)ALL 2023: CURIOUS COLLECTIONS*

OPENING JULY 7, NEW EXHIBITIONS OFFER A MULTIDIMENSIONAL LOOK AT THE ART OF COLLECTING

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (June 15, 2023) – The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (Virginia MOCA) is delighted to announce *Collector's Edition*, an exhibition that brings together over 60 works of art drawn from the private collections of some of the area's most passionate art collectors. The exhibition honors these dedicated art patrons while showcasing artworks, artists, and creative voices from across the country and world. On view from July 7 through December 31, *Collector's Edition* is presented in conjunction with *Open (C)all 2023: Curious Collections*, which encouraged Hampton Roads artists of all ages to create artwork inspired by their own collections. Together, the exhibitions explore the interwoven practices of collecting, curating, and creating art, encouraging viewers to reflect on their own collections and collecting habits.

Featuring paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, video, and mixed media artworks, *Collector's Edition* engages over 20 art enthusiasts from across Hampton Roads—collectors in various stages of building their collections and guided by many different collecting philosophies. Selecting a handful of artworks from each collector's holdings and placing them in separate groupings, the exhibition draws out connections across familial, thematic, and aesthetic lines, offering intimate glimpses into the collectors' homes and lives.

"While Virginia MOCA doesn't collect art, many members of our community do. We are honored to have been invited in by these collectors to get to know why they feel strongly about the artists and artworks in their collections," said Gary Ryan, director and CEO of Virginia MOCA. "We are all collectors of something. Celebrating a passion for art is at the heart of this exhibition, and we look forward to sharing this enthusiasm with our visitors."

Among those lending to the exhibition are collectors David R. and Susan S. Goode, ardent supporters of Virginia MOCA and the arts community; Meredith and Brother Rutter of the Rutter Family Art Foundation, dedicated collectors of post-1960 contemporary art; and the Contemporary Arts Network, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting creative culture and building a solid and enduring arts community. The exhibition will showcase works by artists such as Jacob Lawrence, Betye Saar, Sally Mann, Swoon, Mary Heilmann, Hugo McCloud, Tyler Haughey, Asa Jackson, Leo Villareal, Becky Suss, Helena Wurzel, and Clayton Singleton, among others.

Virginia MOCA invites community members to further explore the art of collecting through free public programming, including *Collecting Conversations*, a panel discussion spotlighting the personal narratives and unique perspectives of several collectors involved in *Collector's Edition*, and *Collectors Bazaar: A Night*

at the Museum, a celebration of all things collectible, featuring art, shopping, music, drinks, and collectibles galore. For the full schedule of events and programming, please visit virginiamoca.org/events.

Support for *Collector's Edition* is generously provided by presenting sponsor TowneBank, with additional support provided by the City of Virginia Beach, Arts Alliance, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Free admission is made possible through underwriting from Sentara, Optima Health, and the Goode Family Foundation. Tickets can be reserved at Virginia MOCA's website.

For additional information on the exhibitions, accompanying programs, or Virginia MOCA, please visit virginiamoca.org. Follow Virginia MOCA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

An AAM accredited non-collecting museum, Virginia MOCA presents exceptional, locally relevant, and nationally resonant exhibitions that invite neighbors, strangers, students, families, communities, and cultures to explore our shared humanity through contemporary art, in all of its timeliness, restlessness, and beauty. More information about Virginia MOCA can be found at virginiamoca.org.

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