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The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts Unveils Plans for the 2024 Delta Triennial Exhibition 'Delta Voices' Program to Take Place at the Museum on July 13, 2023

July 10, 2023 (LITTLE ROCK, Ark.) – The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (AMFA) announces the first <u>Delta Triennial</u> will be on view from June 14, 2024, through August 25, 2024, in the Harriet and Warren Stephens Family Gallery.

In 2024, the *Delta Triennial* will debut at the reimagined AMFA, bringing new art and artists to the historic exhibition every three years. The exhibition will be juried, with online submissions opening in January of 2024. Artists recommended by partner institutions will also be invited to participate in the *Delta Triennial*.

"There are artists all across this region who are essential figures in the national conversation on contemporary art, and we want to ensure the *Delta Triennial* represents a diverse range of their stories and perspectives," said AMFA Curator Theresa Bembnister.

Additional details regarding the *Delta Triennial* submission process will be released in the coming months.

For more than 60 years, the *Delta* exhibition has heightened the visibility of artists living or working in Arkansas and its surrounding states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

Founded as a juried exhibition, the *Delta* is named after the fertile floodplains surrounding the Mississippi River and seeks to amplify artistic voices in the Mid-South as they reflect complex histories and shifts in the cultural landscape.

In recent years, the *Delta* exhibition has evolved from its original form as an annual juried exhibition into a collaborative series, *Delta Voices: Artists of the Mid-South*—made in partnership with museums across the region.

AMFA will continue to host annual *Delta* programming in the years between the *Delta Triennial* to support and advance the mission of the exhibition.

On July 13, 2023, *Delta Voices* will take place at the AMFA Performing Arts Theater from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year's edition is a free event featuring curators from the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Philbrook Museum of Art, and AMFA in conversation with captivating artists from the Mid-South region.

Participating artists include Anthony Sonnenberg (based in Fayetteville, Arkansas), selected by the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts; Keli Mashburn (based in Fairfax, Oklahoma), selected by the Philbrook Museum of Art; Francisco Moreno (based in Dallas, Texas), selected by the Amon Carter Museum of American Art; and Zeke Peña (based in El Paso, Texas), selected by Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

Participating curators include Theresa Bembnister, from the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts; Kalyn Fay Barnoski, from the Philbrook Museum of Art; Maggie Adler, from the Amon Carter Museum of American Art; and Dr. Xuxa Rodríguez, from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Tickets to *Delta Voices* can be reserved on AMFA's website.

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## **About the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts:**

Founded in 1937, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts is the largest cultural institution of its kind in the state, offering a unique blend of visual and performing arts experiences. AMFA is committed to featuring diverse media and artistic perspectives within its permanent collection of 14,000 works of art as well as through rotating temporary exhibitions. AMFA's international collection spans eight centuries, with strengths in works on paper and contemporary craft, and includes notable holdings by artists from Arkansas, the South, and across the United States and Europe.

With a vibrant mix of ideas, cultures, people, and places, AMFA extends this commitment to diversity through its dynamic children's theatre and performing arts program, the innovative Windgate Art School, and community-focused educational programs for all ages. Located in Little Rock's oldest urban green space, MacArthur Park, AMFA's landmark building and grounds are designed by Studio Gang and SCAPE, in collaboration with Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects.