

arts news release
scottsdale museum of contemporary art

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Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art Announces southwestNET Shizu Saldamando



Shizu Saldamando, "Grace and Ira, Golden Hour At and Despite Steele Indian School Park," 2019. Mixed media on wood.
Courtesy of the artist.

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May 18 – October 13, 2019

SMoCA premieres new work by artist Shizu Saldamando as part of the eighteenth iteration of a series that presents mid-career artists from the Southwest region of the United States and Mexico. Through intimate and provocative paintings, drawings, and video, Saldamando presents a contemporary take on portraiture that explores and challenges the constructs of identity. She works from informal snapshots of friends and family, focusing on often-overlooked communities of color: punks, queers, activists, and artists. Challenging the traditional conventions of wealth and prestige in portraiture, Saldamando presents work that allows the underground crowd to see themselves reflected and affirmed in contemporary culture, while making them visible to new audiences.

“Shizu Saldamando brings her unique perspective to an exciting body of new work: richly detailed and vibrant paintings that bring characters to life. Her work reflects a broader and timely take on the history of portraiture.” Jennifer McCabe, director and chief curator said.

Organized by the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. Curated by Director and Chief Curator Jennifer McCabe. Sponsored by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

Related Programming

All events take place in SMOCA Lounge unless noted otherwise. Free events at SMOCA fill quickly and are first come, first served; early arrival is encouraged. Visit SMoCA.org to RSVP and purchase tickets.

Summer Opening Party

Friday, June 7, 7–9 p.m.

Join us to celebrate another season of new exhibitions at SMOCA! Chat with curators, mingle with artists and explore the exhibitions. Cash bar.

Artist Talk: Shizu Saldamando

Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.

Join artist Shizu Saldamando in conversation with writer Raquel Gutiérrez, the author of the essay accompanying the exhibition, as they discuss art and underground culture.

SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through four acclaimed branches — Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of

Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Scottsdale Public Art and Scottsdale Arts Education & Outreach — serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Founded in 1999, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) explores the best of contemporary art, architecture and design. Global in its focus, the Museum is a unique and vital cultural resource for the Southwest, serving local audiences as well as visitors from the United States and abroad. Designed by award-winning architect Will Bruder, SMoCA's minimalist building (an ingenious renovation of a former movie theater) has four galleries for showcasing changing exhibitions and works from the Museum's collection, along with SMoCA Lounge, a living, functional art installation and space for community engagement. The Museum presents a wide variety of educational programs and special events for adults and families, including lectures, readings, performances, docent-led tours, workshops and classes. SMoCA also features an outdoor sculpture garden housing James Turrell's "Knight Rise," one of the renowned artist's public skyspaces, and "Scrim Wall," a monumental curtain of translucent glass panels by James Carpenter Design Associates. The Museum's retail store, Shop@SMoCA, offers classic design objects and furnishings, contemporary jewelry, art and architecture books, and imaginative gifts for all occasions.

VISITOR INFORMATION

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HOURS AND ADMISSION

Tuesday – Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays and major holidays
Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 students, seniors (65+) and veterans; free for members and children under 15
Free on Thursdays and every second Saturday of the month

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