San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
Advance Exhibition Schedule

(Updated Nov 19, 2021)—The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is one of the largest museums of modern and contemporary art in the United States and a thriving cultural center for the Bay Area. Our remarkable collection of painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, design and media arts is housed in an LEED Gold-certified building designed by the global architects Snøhetta and Mario Botta. In addition to our seven gallery floors, SFMOMA offers 45,000 square feet of free, art-filled public space open to all. In addition to presentations drawn from its outstanding collection of approximately 50,000 artworks, as well as the renowned Doris and Donald Fisher Collection and the Pritzker Center for Photography, SFMOMA presents the following special exhibitions:

Please note, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these dates are subject to change.

Special Exhibitions

Pan American Unity
June 28, 2021 — 2023
Floor 1 Roberts Family Gallery

In a groundbreaking partnership with City College of San Francisco, SFMOMA hosts Diego Rivera’s monumental mural *The Marriage of the Artistic Expression of the North and of the South on the Continent*, more commonly known as *Pan American Unity* in the museum’s Roberts Family Gallery free space. The mural, originally painted in front of a live audience at the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco’s Treasure Island, is comprised of 10 fresco panels and measures 22 feet high and 74 feet wide (nearly 1,800 square feet).

It was Rivera’s last project outside of Mexico and is not only a treasured part of San Francisco history, but also one of the most important works of public art in the United States. *Pan American Unity* is installed in SFMOMA’s free-to-visit Roberts Family Gallery on the ground floor in conjunction with Diego Rivera’s America.
**Diana Markosian: Santa Barbara**  
July 3 – December 12, 2021  
Floor 3

Diana Markosian’s *Santa Barbara* explores the nature of family and the American dream. Through a series of staged photographs and a narrative video, the artist reconsiders her family history from her mother’s perspective, relating to her for the first time as a woman rather than a parent, and coming to terms with the profound sacrifices her mother made to become an American.

Markosian collaborated on this project with a scriptwriter from the 1980s American soap opera *Santa Barbara* (which her family had watched in Russia), a casting director and a group of actors. Weaving together imagery from the artist’s childhood homes in Moscow and Santa Barbara, the work reconstructs the Markosians’ final days in post-Soviet Russia and their arrival in the U.S. The result is a deeply personal reimagining of her past and a powerful examination of the interplay between the idealized vision of California life and the reality of the immigrant experience.

**Tatiana Bilbao Estudio: Architecture from Outside In**  
July 17, 2021 – March 27, 2022  
Floor 6

Mexico City–based architect Tatiana Bilbao considers domesticity from policy to livability. Models, drawings, and photographs illustrate Bilbao’s extensive research and proposals in response to how we live today. At the beginning of the design process, the architect and her firm Tatiana Bilbao Estudio take time to identify less visible external factors that influence and shape architecture, such as developer goals and civic regulations, as well as meeting with future inhabitants. This “outside in” approach is expansive but yields greater understanding and accommodation for contemporary lifestyles.

Visitors are invited to consider how advocacy, city planning, architecture, and development shape society. The drawings, collage, and models on view represent built and unbuilt projects, and are shown together in a large-scale, hand-drawn landscape covering the gallery walls. One section of the exhibition brings into focus the San Francisco neighborhood Hunters Point, whose residents — predominantly people of color — have been subject to years of environmental injustice. Confronting the social and political contexts in which architects work, Tatiana Bilbao Estudio aims to prompt conversation around how to collaboratively transform formerly sequestered neighborhoods into sustainable, inclusive communities.
The painter Joan Mitchell has long been hailed as a formidable creative force. She first attained critical acclaim and success in the male-dominated art circles of 1950s New York, then spent nearly four decades in France creating distinctive, vibrant abstract paintings that draw on landscape, memory, poetry and music.

With its world premiere at SFMOMA and co-organized with the Baltimore Museum of Art, *Joan Mitchell* will be a comprehensive retrospective featuring approximately 80 distinguished works. This exhibition will include rarely seen early paintings that established the artist’s career and colorful large-scale multi-panel masterpieces from her later years. With suites of major paintings, sketchbooks and drawings as well as an illuminating selection of the artist’s letters and photographs, the exhibition will open a new window into the richness and range of Mitchell’s practice.

Rafael Lozano-Hemmer uses air and water, music and voices, text and light to create installations that are participatory and playful while raising questions about memory, poetry, and private and public spaces and environments. A media artist who works at the intersection of art, architecture, and performance, Lozano-Hemmer is driven by experimentation, bringing people, places and science together to expand the experiences of our interactions with each other and technology. This scaled-down version of the exhibition planned for last spring presents seven installations that reveal our agency within the “unstable presence” of data streams, atmospheric turbulence and voices of the past.
**Constellations: Photographs in Dialogue**
November 20, 2021 – August 21, 2022
Floor 3

*Constellations: Photographs in Dialogue* explores how additions to the collection expand, deepen and complicate the stories a museum can tell. From Edward Weston to Zanele Muholi, the exhibition weaves together historical and contemporary voices, forging new connections within established collecting areas and bringing fresh narratives to light. The photographs on view showcase the collection’s strengths, particularly in Japanese photography, the documentary tradition and work by Bay Area artists. Constellations also highlights SFMOMA’s ever-expanding contemporary photography holdings, featuring artists such as Poklong Anading, Daisuke Yokota, Wendy Red Star and Clare Strand alongside familiar favorites including Imogen Cunningham and Ansel Adams.

**Tauba Auerbach — S v Z**
December 18, 2021 – May 1, 2022
Floor 4

New York based, Bay Area native Tauba Auerbach employs a wide range of materials and techniques in a practice grounded in math, science and craft. Focusing on matters of duality, connectedness, rhythm, form and reason, Auerbach’s work undoes what the artist calls the “logical gaze.” *S v Z*, Auerbach’s first museum survey exhibition, frames their prolific output over the last seventeen years and includes compositions that explore the properties of letters and symbols; drawings and books that subvert binary relationships; trompe l’oeil paintings that manipulate surface and dimension; infrared photographs that document fluid dynamics; weavings and glass sculptures composed of interlocking wave forms; and video that interprets theories in quantum physics.
Nature × Humanity: Oxman Architects
February 19–May 15, 2022
Floor 4

What is the role of an architect in the age of climate change? Since 2010, Oxman studio founder, Neri Oxman, has asked whether the materials, tools, and construction of architecture are sustainable moving forward. Through thought-provoking projects that use new biomaterials and fabrication techniques, Oxman rethinks all facets of the field with a singular objective: to transition from valuing human material wealth that stakes claim to land and resources to a focus on environmental health that restores and advances natural balance to mutually benefit all. With nature as the primary client, the design practice upends the architectural legacy of a human-centered built environment and imagines a radically transformed future.

Diego Rivera’s America
Opening 2022
Floor 4

The most in-depth examination of the artist’s work in more than 20 years, Diego Rivera’s America will provide a new critical and contemporary understanding of one of the most aesthetically, socially and politically ambitious artists of the 20th century. Through a careful selection of some 160 objects, the exhibition will explore central themes of Rivera’s work in Mexico and the United States from the early 1920s through the early 1940s. During these two key decades in a prolific career, Rivera created a new vision for North America, informed by his travels between Mexico and the United States.

Featuring extraordinary easel paintings and drawings of this period, as well as several portable frescoes, the exhibition will highlight the close relationship between Rivera’s mural and studio practices. Diego Rivera’s America will revisit a historical moment when Rivera, more than any other artist of his time, was instrumental not only in forging Mexican national identity, but also in imagining a shared American past and future.

Single Gallery Presentations
New Work: Wu Tsang Presents Moved by the Motion
October 16, 2021 – June 5, 2022
Floor 4

For her New Work commission, artist Wu Tsang will create a new sound installation that explores the concept of the B-side. The soundscape will be made in collaboration with Moved by the Motion, a loosely affiliated “band” of interdisciplinary artists who have been creating live performance and film together since 2013. As a filmmaker, movement-based artist and performer, Tsang uses a range of mediums and environments to interrogate constructions of gender, race, class and meaning.

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