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Katonah Museum of Art Honors Diller Scofidio + Renfro with 2024 Himmel Award

Join the KMA for a Conversation with DS+R on Architecture Intersecting the Arts

Katonah, NY, September 17, 2024 — The Katonah Museum of Art (KMA) is proud to announce that the 2024 Himmel Award and Conversation will honor Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R), led by four partners—Elizabeth Diller, Ricardo Scofidio, Charles Renfro, and Benjamin Gilmartin. Internationally celebrated as one of the leading design studios of our time, their award-winning practice encompasses groundbreaking projects that include The Broad, the High Line, The Shed, and reimagining such iconic landmarks as The Museum of Modern Art and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts campus. KMA Executive Director, Michelle Yun Mapplethorpe notes: "We are thrilled to recognize DS+R as an innovator and leader in the field of architectural design. Their impressive body of work has re-defined the relationship between architecture and the arts."

The Himmel Award ceremony will be held in Bedford, NY, on Sunday, September 29, and feature an intimate conversation between DS+R and KMA Executive Director Michelle Yun Mapplethorpe about their groundbreaking practice and its impact on the global architecture field and society at large. Himmel award founder Betty Himmel remarked: "The Himmel Award and Conversation was inaugurated in 2009 to celebrate excellence in the arts. My family and I are proud to support this important event for the KMA that continues to champion leaders in the field, and that shares their achievements with the Museum's community." The program includes a cocktail reception and awards dinner in DS+R's honor. "The KMA is honored to celebrate DS+R's immeasurable achievements through the 2024 Himmel Award. Their formidable contributions to the cultural landscape has inspired subsequent generations of

architects.” said Craig Intinarelli, KMA Board President and Partner at Kroeger Intinarelli Architects. Throughout their distinguished portfolio, DS+R has reshaped how architectural design integrates with visual arts. DS+R's reimagination of architecture and the arts has been recognized with numerous accolades, including being listed in *TIME* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" and receiving the first architecture grant from the MacArthur Foundation.

About Diller Scofidio + Renfro

Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R) is an interdisciplinary design studio operating at the intersection of architecture, the performing arts, and the visual arts. Founded in 1981, DS+R established its identity through self-generated projects in public spaces that challenged the status quo of the architectural discipline before expanding the practice to include architectural work at all scales, with a particular emphasis on cultural, educational, and civic projects. DS+R's cross genre work has been distinguished with *TIME*'s "100 Most Influential People" list and the first grant awarded in the field of architecture from the MacArthur Foundation.

About the Himmel Award and Conversation

Since 2009, the Katonah Museum of Art has been recognizing trailblazers, risk-takers, and leaders across the arts through its annual Himmel Award and Conversation series. The annual event and award are named in honor of Betty Himmel, who has been instrumental in defining the direction and mission of the KMA, and who continues to be an arts advocate and community leader. Past Himmel Award honorees include Robert Storr (2009), Mary Schmidt Campbell (2010), Maya Lin (2012), Christo (2014), Andre Leon Tally (2015), Julie Taymor (2016), Art Spiegelman and Francoise Mouly (2018), Philippe de Montebello (2019), Darren Walker (2021), The Haas Brothers (2022), and Thelma Golden (2023).

Event Details:

Katonah Museum of Art's Himmel Award and Conversation Sunday, September 29, 2024

Bedford Playhouse, Bedford, NY

5:00 – 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception

6:00 – 7:00 PM Awards Ceremony and Conversation

Bedford Post Inn, Bedford, NY

7:15 PM Dinner

Himmel Award Committee

Betty Himmel, co-chair; Yvonne Pollack, co-chair; Vida Foubister; Virginia L. Gold; Ellen Grimes; Craig Intinarelli; Deborah Mullin; Amy Parsons; and Rochelle C. Rosenberg.

Support

Support for the Himmel Award and Conversation is generously provided by the Himmel Family. All proceeds from the Himmel Award and Conversation program and dinner benefit exhibition and education programs at the Katonah Museum of Art.

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For more information on the Himmel Award and Conversation program and dinner or to purchase tickets, please visit the KMA Himmel Award and Conversation event page, or contact events@katonahmuseum.org.

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About the Katonah Museum of Art

The Katonah Museum of Art (KMA) is a non-collecting institution recognized for its innovative exhibition and education initiatives that champion art and artists — past and present — across artistic disciplines, geographies, and historical periods. Housed in a modernist building designed by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes, the KMA was established in 1954 with a mission to spotlight exceptional art, while also responding to the most critical issues of our time through a bold and vigorous lens. Located in Katonah, New York, the KMA is the anchoring cultural institution in Westchester County, drawing visitors from throughout the Tri-State region and beyond.

Museum hours: Wednesday-Friday and Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information about the Katonah Museum of Art, visit katonahmuseum.org or call (914) 232-9555.



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