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Picture Our Journey

Katonah Museum of Art Exhibition Features Immigration Stories Through Original Children's Picture Book Art

Katonah, NY, September 27, 2021 – The Katonah Museum of Art is pleased to announce *Picture Our Journey*, on view in the Learning Center from October 3, 2021, to January 23, 2022. The exhibition is presented in conjunction with ARRIVALS, on view in the Museum's main galleries, which explores how artists have reckoned with the myths and origin stories that have shaped American identity. Organized around a select series of arrival moments—from Columbus in 1492 to the present day—ARRIVALS is a conversation about the stories we have told ourselves and those we have kept silent.

Picture Our Journey will feature original children's picture book art that shares personal yet universal stories of immigration. Through illustrations and words, these stories give voice to topics such as the struggle to belong in one's new home, the pain of separation, and the ties that bind immigrants to their



country and culture of origin. In a country filled with families that trace their roots back to other homelands, these stories have resonated throughout American history and are woven into the vibrant fabric of our nation.

The featured books in *Picture Our Journey* highlight immigration stories from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East from the perspective of children and families. This interactive, family-friendly space is open to the public during regular KMA hours and will also include a library and bibliography of children's

books on the subject of immigration, hands-on art activities, and prompts for visitors to craft personal narratives.

Featured books in the exhibition:

- All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel, written and illustrated by Dan Yaccarino
- Be Prepared, written and illustrated by Vera Brosgol
- **Dreamers**, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales
- *Mama's Nightingale: A Story of Immigration and Separation*, written by Edwidge Danticat, illustrated by Leslie Staub
- My Chinatown: One Year in Poems, written and illustrated by Kam Mak
- **My Name is Sangoel**, written by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, illustrated by Catherine Stock
- Saffron Ice Cream, written and illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh
- The Keeping Quilt, written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco

RELATED EVENTS

Opening Weekend

Ist Look (Curator's Circle and above): Saturday, October 2 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Member Preview:

Sunday, October 3 12:00 – 2:30 PM

Public Opening:

Sunday, October 3 2:30 – 5:00 PM

Family Day: Connecting Communities

Saturday, November 6 Communities come together for an afternoon of artistic expression with activities that explore themes of family heritage and shared American experiences.

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About the Katonah Museum of Art:

The Katonah Museum of Art promotes the understanding and enjoyment of the visual arts for diverse audiences. The Museum presents exhibitions that explore ideas about art, culture, and society – past and present – through innovative exhibition and education programs.

Timed-entry tickets are recommended. Museum hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday from 12 PM – 5 PM, closed Monday. General admission: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Members and children under the age of 12 always enter free. For more information, please call (914) 232-9555 or visit <u>www.katonahmuseum.org</u>.

Credits:

Yuyi Morales, "Unbelievable. Surprising." from *Dreamers/Soñadores* [Holiday House Publishing, Inc./Neal Porter Books, 2018]. Giclee print on archival paper. Courtesy of the artist. © Yuyi Morales, 2018.

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