Art Industry News: Larry Gagosian Once Refused to Sell Jennifer Lawrence a Portrait of Herself + Other Stories

Plus, American museums plan to staff back up, and another cultural organization parts ways with BP for good.

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Art Industry News is a daily digest of the most consequential developments coming out of the art world and art market. Here’s what you need to know this Wednesday, February 23.

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New LaGuardia Terminal Gets Top-Notch Art – The New York airport’s revamped Terminal C will be punctuated by six permanent artworks. As a part of its $12 million art program, the Port Authority partnered with the Queens Museums to commission site-specific works from New York-based artists Mariam Ghani, Rashid Johnson, Aliza Nisenbaum, Virginia Overton, Ronny Quevedo, and Fred Wilson. (New York Times)

U.S. Museums Are Staffing Up – A new report by the American Alliance of Museums found that 47 percent of surveyed museum directors plan to increase their staff after pandemic-related cutbacks. Nearly half said they would increase hourly wages to the lowest paid workers, but only 15 percent said they were “committed” to closing the wage gap between the highest and lowest paid staff. (Hyperallergic)

James Turrell Will Unveil a Skyspace in Colorado – The artist will debut his newest skyspace in Colorado’s Green Mountain Falls in June. The public artwork, called Skyspace on Red Butte, will be the artist’s first skyspace in the mountains, the only one in Colorado, and the first with a retractable roof. (Designboom)