Here’s a Preview of the Upcoming Whitney Biennial

The 80th edition returns after pandemic-related delays.

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After several years of pandemic-related delays, The Whitney Museum of American Art is gearing to host its long-awaited 80th Biennial next month.

The event was first organized back in 1932 as a way to spotlight the many artistic developments across the art scene in the United States. Since then, it has become one of the nation’s premier exhibitions and has featured over 3,600 influential artists across a number of creative disciplines.

According to a statement by Whitney curators, David Breslin and Adrienne Edwards, the event “is an ongoing experiment, the result of a shared commitment to artists and the work they do.” This year’s edition, titled “Quiet as It’s Kept,” has had a lot to consider as planning initially started before the 2020 U.S. presidential election, the COVID-19 pandemic, along with the many racial justice protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd.

“While many of these underlying conditions are not new, their overlapping, intensity, and sheer ubiquity created a context in which past, present, and future folded into one another. We’ve organized the exhibition to reflect these precarious and improvised times. The Biennial primarily serves as a forum for artists, and the works that will be presented reflect their enigmas, the things that perplex them, the
important questions they are asking,” Breslin added.

“Whitney Biennial 2022: Quiet as It’s Kept” will be on view from April 6 to September 5, 2022. Check out the preview in our gallery, along with full list of exhibiting artists below.

Elsewhere in the world of art, Marina Abramović is hosting a Ukraine benefit auction.

**Whitney Museum of American Art**  
99 Gansevoort St,  
New York, NY 10014

**Exhibiting Artists:**

Lisa Alvarado  
Born 1982 in San Antonio, TX  
Lives in Chicago, IL

Harold Ancart  
Born 1980 in Brussels, Belgium  
Lives in New York, NY

Mónica Arreola  
Born 1976 in Tijuana, Mexico  
Lives in Tijuana, Mexico

Emily Barker  
Born 1992 in San Diego, CA  
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Yto Barrada  
Born 1971 in Paris, France  
Lives in Brooklyn, NY, and Tangier, Morocco

Rebecca Belmore  
Anishinaabe  
Born 1960 in Upsala, Canada  
Lives in Vancouver, Canada

Jonathan Berger  
Born 1980 in New York, NY  
Lives in New York, NY, and Glover, VT

Nayland Blake  
Born 1960 in New York, NY  
Lives in Brooklyn and Queens, NY
Cassandra Press
Founded 2016 by Kandis Williams

Theresa Hak Kyung Cha
Born 1951 in Busan, South Korea
Died 1982 in New York, NY

Raven Chacon
Diné
Born 1977 in Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation
Lives in Albuquerque, NM

Leidy Churchman
Born 1979 in Villanova, PA
Lives in New York, NY, and West Tremont, ME

Tony Cokes
Born 1956 in Richmond, VA
Lives in Providence, RI

Jacky Connolly
Born 1990 in New York, NY
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Matt Connors
Born 1973 in Chicago, IL
Lives in New York, NY, and Los Angeles, CA

Alex Da Corte
Born 1980 in Camden, NJ
Lives in Philadelphia, PA

Aria Dean
Born 1993 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in New York, NY

Danielle Dean
Born 1982 in Huntsville, AL
Lives in Los Angeles and San Diego, CA

Jane Dickson
Born 1952 in Chicago, IL
Lives in New York, NY

Buck Ellison
Born 1987 in San Francisco, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA
Alia Farid
Born 1985 in Kuwait City, Kuwait
Lives in San Juan, PR, and Kuwait City, Kuwait

Coco Fusco
Born 1960 in New York, NY
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Ellen Gallagher
Born 1965 in Providence, RI
Lives in Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Brooklyn, NY

A Gathering of the Tribes /Steve Cannon
Founded 1991
Steve Cannon: Born 1935 in New Orleans, LA
Died 2019 in New York, NY

Cy Gavin
Born 1985 in Pittsburgh, PA
Lives in New York State

Adam Gordon
Born 1986 in Minneapolis, MN
Lives in Jersey City, NJ

Renée Green
Born 1959 in Cleveland, OH
Lives in Somerville, MA, and New York, NY

Pao Houa Her
Born 1982 in Laos
Lives in Blaine, MN

EJ Hill
Born 1985 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Alfredo Jaar
Born 1956 in Santiago, Chile
Lives in New York, NY

Rindon Johnson
Born 1990 in San Francisco, CA
Lives in Berlin, Germany

Ivy Kwan Arce and Julie Tolentino
Ivy Kwan Arce: Born 1965 in Salinas, CA
Lives in New York, NY
Julie Tolentino: Born 1964 in San Francisco, CA
Lives in Joshua Tree, CA

Ralph Lemon
Born 1952 in Cincinnati, OH
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Duane Linklater
Omaskêko Ininiwak
Born 1976 in Treaty 9 Territory (Northern Ontario, Canada)
Lives in North Bay, Canada (Robinson Huron Treaty Territory)

James Little
Born 1952 in Memphis, TN
Lives in New York, NY

Rick Lowe
Born 1961 in rural Alabama
Lives in Houston, TX

Daniel Joseph Martinez
Born 1957 in Los Angeles, CA
Lives in Los Angeles, CA, and Paris, France

Dave McKenzie
Born 1977 in Kingston, Jamaica
Lives in Brooklyn, NY

Rodney McMillian
Born 1969 in Columbia, SC
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Na Mira
Born 1982 in Lawrence, KS, on Kickapoo, Osage, Kansa, and Sioux lands
Lives in Los Angeles, CA, on Tongva, Gabrielino, Kizh, and Chumash lands

Alejandro “Luperca” Morales
Born 1990 in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico
Lives in Monterrey, Mexico

Moved by the Motion
Founded 2016 by Wu Tsang and Tosh Basco

Terence Nance
Born 1982 in Dallas, TX
Lives in America
Woody De Othello  
Born 1991 in Miami, FL  
Lives in Oakland, CA

Adam Pendleton  
Born 1984 in Richmond, VA  
Lives in New York, NY

N. H. Pritchard  
Born 1939 in New York, NY  
Died 1996 in eastern Pennsylvania

Lucy Raven  
Born 1977 in Tucson, AZ  
Lives in New York, NY

Charles Ray  
Born 1953 in Chicago, IL  
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Jason Rhoades  
Born 1965 in Newcastle, CA  
Died 2006 in Los Angeles, CA

Andrew Roberts  
Born 1995 in Tijuana, Mexico  
Lives in Mexico City and Tijuana, Mexico

Guadalupe Rosales  
Born 1980 in Redwood City, CA  
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Veronica Ryan  
Born 1956 in Plymouth, Montserrat  
Lives in London, United Kingdom, and New York, NY

Rose Salane  
Born 1992 in New York, NY  
Lives in Queens, NY

Michael E. Smith  
Born 1977 in Detroit, MI  
Lives in Providence, RI

Sable Elyse Smith  
Born 1986 in Los Angeles, CA  
Lives in New York, NY
Awilda Sterling-Duprey  
Born 1947 in San Juan, PR  
Lives in San Juan, PR  

Rayyane Tabet  
Born 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon  
Lives in Beirut, Lebanon, and San Francisco, CA  

Denyse Thomasos  
Born 1964 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago  
Died 2012 in New York, NY  

Trinh T. Minh-ha  
Born in Hanoi, Vietnam  
Lives in Berkeley, CA  

WangShui  
Born 1986 in USA  
Lives in New York, NY  

Eric Wesley  
Born 1973 in Los Angeles, CA  
Lives in Los Angeles, CA  

Dyani White Hawk  
Sičangu Lakota  
Born 1976 in Madison, WI  
Lives in Minneapolis, MN  

Kandis Williams  
Born 1985 in Baltimore, MD  
Lives in Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY