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**Laguna Art Museum Presents
*Black and White: Contemporary Art from the Frederick R.
Weisman Art Foundation***

The special exhibition curated by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation Director Billie Milam Weisman will open July 2, 2022



*Pineapple Grit No. 36 (tête-à-tête), Michael Rey, 2014.
Image provided by Philip Martin Gallery, Los Angeles.*

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (June 23, 2022) — Laguna Art Museum will present ***Black and White: Contemporary Art from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation*** on view July 2 through October 9. Curated by Foundation Director Billie Milam Weisman, the special exhibition features 30

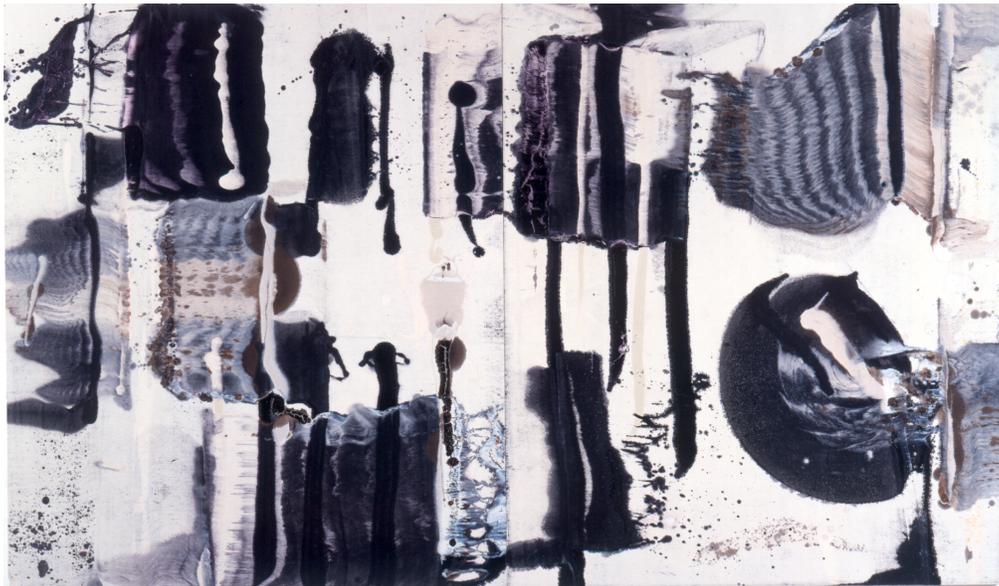


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artworks from the Foundation created by artists living and working in California across different generations.

“We’re pleased to partner with the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation and Billie Milam Weisman on this special exhibition, showcasing a unique variety of works from modern and contemporary California artists,” said Julie Perlin Lee, Executive Director of Laguna Art Museum. “The exhibition will celebrate Mr. Weisman’s legacy and passion for the arts, as well as our mission of presenting California art.”

Each of the 30 artworks featured in *Black and White* will demonstrate a diverse array of artistic approaches, materials and techniques used by Southern California-based artists over the past half century. The exhibition is a cross-section of works from the Foundation by artists who draw attention to black and white—as palate and, in some cases, as theme. Funding for *Black and White* has been provided by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation. Additional funding has been generously provided by Angel and Tom Papa and the Joan B. Rehnborg Exhibition Fund.



Ed Moses, Racko No. 2, 1995.
Courtesy the Ed Moses Estate/Frederick R Weisman Art Foundation.

“Frederick R. Weisman would say that when you are fortunate enough to be able to collect art, you have a responsibility, not only to the artists but also to share their works with the public. The Foundation would like to thank the Laguna Art Museum for the opportunity to bring a sample of our collection to their community,” said Billie Milam Weisman, Director and President of the Frederick R. Weisman Art and Philanthropic Foundations. “The theme of this selection of



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works is variations on black and white as used by a diverse selection of California artists. Especially in California, the effects of sunlight greatly influence artists in the creation of their work, with black being the absorption of light and white reflecting it. Each of us sees color differently, and while the powerful contrast of a black and white palette creates visual drama, monochromatic works utilizing varying shades of gray or sepia may be more deeply engaging. This exhibition features artists who have explored the formal, conceptual, and technical possibilities of black and white, monochromatic, and 'in-between' shades."

Billie Milam Weisman is the Director and President of the Frederick R. Weisman Art and Philanthropic Foundations. She was born in Minnesota and raised in Los Angeles, as was her late husband, Frederick R. Weisman. For over nine years during Mr. Weisman's lifetime, Billie worked closely together with her husband to acquire works for the Frederick R. Weisman collections, as well as to foster and expand the activities of the Foundations. Today, she continues to carry on the legacy of her husband's art and philanthropic endeavors.

Billie received her Masters of Arts degree in Art History with honors at the University of California Los Angeles, followed by a post-graduate internship in art conservation at the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University. She was Senior Art Conservator at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, as well as Conservator of Decorative Arts and Sculpture at the Getty Museum. In addition, she had her own art conservation and consulting business. She has traveled internationally with exhibitions and lectured in conjunction with exhibitions and professional meetings.

On **Saturday, July 9** at 6 p.m., Laguna Art Museum will present ***In Conversation with Billie Milam Weisman***, a special event providing exclusive insight into the collection of the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation with Billie Milam Weisman and Laguna Art Museum's Curatorial Fellow, Rochelle Steiner. Join Weisman and Steiner as they engage the exhibiting artists in discussions about the artworks selected, which represent a cross section of the Weisman collection and demonstrate a diverse array of the artistic approaches, materials, and techniques that Southern California-based artists have deployed over the past half century. Ticket registration for *In Conversation with Billie Milam Weisman* will go live on Monday, June 27 at lagunaartmuseum.org/events.

For more information about *Black and White: Contemporary Art from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation*, visit lagunaartmuseum.org. To stay connected and learn about upcoming events, follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Additional information about the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation can be found at weismanfoundation.org.



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About Laguna Art Museum

Laguna Art Museum is the museum of California art. It collects, cares for, and exhibits works of art that were created by California artists or represent the life and history of the state. Through its permanent collection, its special loan exhibitions, its educational programs, and its library and archive, the museum enhances the public's knowledge and appreciation of California art of all periods and styles and encourages art-historical scholarship in this field.

Laguna Art Museum stands just steps from the Pacific Ocean in the beautiful city of Laguna Beach. The museum is proud to continue the tradition of the Laguna Beach Art Association, founded in 1918 by the early California artists who fostered a vibrant arts community. The gallery that the association built in 1929 is part of today's Laguna Art Museum.

For more information, please visit www.lagunaartmuseum.org

Location

Laguna Art Museum is located at 307 Cliff Drive in Laguna Beach, on the corner of Coast Highway and Cliff Drive.

Hours

Monday - Tuesday, Thursday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays

Closed Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day