

Hirshhorn Gala to Honor 31 Women Artists, Including Yoko Ono, Lorna Simpson, Jenny Holzer, Njideka Akunyili Crosby

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On November 6, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., will honor 31 female artists at its annual gala. The artists, who range from Njideka Akunyili Crosby to Yayoi Kusama, whose mirror rooms were the subject of a recent blockbuster exhibition at the Hirshhorn, span three generations and many different movements.

The event will once again take place in New York (a fact that has, in the past earned criticism, from some in D.C.), this time at the David H. Koch Theater in Lincoln Center.



The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.
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“Each year, the Hirshhorn celebrates incredible artists from around the world who throughout their careers continue to challenge and inspire us,” Melissa Chiu, the Hirshhorn’s director, said in a statement. “This year, I am especially proud to honor 31 outstanding female artists—from pioneers of performance and video art to emerging painters and sculptors—whose collective contributions to the field have transformed the way we look at art and set the stage for generations of creative talents yet to come.”

The women being honored are:

- Nairy Baghramian (Iranian, b. 1971)
- Njideka Akunyili Crosby (Nigerian, b. 1983)
- Tacita Dean (British, b. 1965)
- Tracey Emin (British, b. 1963)
- Rachel Feinstein (American, b. 1971)
- Isa Genzken (German, b. 1948)
- Katharina Grosse (German, b. 1961)
- Guerrilla Girls (American, formed 1985)
- Mary Heilmann (American, b. 1940)
- Jenny Holzer (American, b. 1950)
- Shirazeh Houshiary (Iranian, b. 1955)
- Bharti Kher (British, b. 1969)
- Barbara Kruger (American, b. 1945)
- Yayoi Kusama (Japanese, b. 1929)
- Tala Madani (Iranian, b. 1981)
- Meredith Monk (American, b. 1942)
- Mariko Mori (Japanese, b. 1967)
- Wangechi Mutu (Kenyan, b. 1972)
- Yoko Ono (Japanese, b. 1933)

- Susan Rothenberg (American, b. 1945)
- Michal Rovner (Israeli, b. 1957)
- Dana Schutz (American, b. 1976)
- Taryn Simon (American, b. 1975)
- Lorna Simpson (American, b. 1960)
- Kiki Smith (American, b. 1954)
- Pat Steir (American, b. 1940)
- Sarah Sze (American, b. 1969)
- Mickalene Thomas (American, b. 1971)
- Tatiana Trouvé (Italian, b. 1968)
- Mary Weatherford (American, b. 1963)
- Haegue Yang (South Korean, b. 1971)