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**THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUR:BIENNIAL RETURNS TO TORRANCE ART MUSEUM IN FALL EXHIBITIONS**

**TORRANCE, CA (September, 2021) – The Torrance Art Museum (TAM)** proudly presents the schedule for the Fall 2021 exhibitions, featuring the return of the boundary crossing SUR:Biennial, a curiously clever fiber art show, and videos from around the world.

The **6th SUR:biennial** at the Torrance Art Museum assembles a lineup of artists whose works intersect the spaces between contemplative contemporary perspectives and representing and investigating pluralistic cultural heritages hailing from Mexico, Central America, and South America while living in Southern California, Oregon, and New York. These artists fuse artistic traditions from these cultures with current artistic perspectives to establish and celebrate, while also critiquing, notions of specific Latinx, Latin American, Xicana/o (Chicana/o) cultural identities and redefining identities within these designations.

Is it possible to analyze one's own identity? Is it possible to stand to one side and do the same for one's encompassing culture/s? These are questions essential to the SUR project. No answers are necessarily found here but the need to clarify the right questions to ask is fundamental.

The exhibition is co-curated by Ismael de Anda III and Max Presneill. Featured artists: Eddie Rodolfo Aparicio, Marisa Caichiolo, Pete Hoffecker Mejia, Frankie Orozco, The Perez Bros., Carolina Sardi, Jimena Sarno.

TAM Gallery Two hosts ***Social Fabric***, an exhibition of socially engaged fiber art which investigates the framework and constructs of contemporary society through the softened lens of fabric, plush and yarn. Taking an often tongue-in-cheek approach, the works exhibited challenge the ideas of "women's work" and the new norms of our social media society. Curated by Sue-Na



Gay. Featured artists: Natalie Baxter, Mimi O. Chun, Kayla Mattes, Threadwinners (Alyssa Arney & Liz Flynn), Nathan Vincent, Megan Whitmarsh.

TAM Dark Room hosts **VideoWords**, video art that uses 15 pairs of words as thematic prompts for their creation. Thirty international artists were called upon by curator Magmart to interpret those words - what they *represent* – in order to weave a rousing dialogue with the public.

**Fall Exhibitions on view Saturday, September 18 - Saturday, December 4, 2021.  
Opening Reception on Saturday, September 18 from 6 - 9pm.**

**As always TAM is free and accessible to the public. Masks are mandatory. No reservations required. All programs, schedules, and locations are subject to change. For the latest information and other museum programming, please visit [TorranceArtMuseum.com](https://www.torranceartmuseum.com).**

**Torrance Art Museum:**

Founded in 2005, the Torrance Art Museum is the premier visual art space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. The museum encourages all people to develop and increase their understanding and appreciation for modern programs, artist talks, lectures, and symposia. Through its emphasis on contemporary artistic expression in Southern California and globally, the Torrance Art Museum brings together visual artists and community members; fosters experiences in the arts to strengthen creative and critical thinking skills; and builds bridges between the visual arts and other disciplines in the humanities and sciences. Torrance Art Museum is a program of the City of Torrance Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department.

For more information visit [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com) or call 310-618-6388

**Museum Hours:**

Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the Torrance Art Museum is Free.

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