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Schema, a new exhibit of mixed media works by Shawne Major opens March 12 at the Hilliard Art Museum in new site-responsive installation

Lafayette, LA –The evocative works of Shawne Major will activate the atrium of the Hilliard Art Museum beginning March 12 in the new exhibition, Schema. The exhibit in the Hilliard’s atrium will literally elevate Major’s work, providing a new way of considering an influential artist’s work. Schema will be on display for visitors from March 12, 2022 through Jan. 7, 2023.

“This installation offers a dense visual experience where one’s vision fluctuates between abstract pattern and the recognition of everyday objects like jewelry, lace and plastic toys that are woven into Major’s compositions,” states Curator Ben Hickey. “By elevating her works above visitors’ heads, Schema offers visitors the opportunity to consider how the interrelation of different artworks, like people, can expand narratives or shift meaning when they are grouped together.”

Through her works and the exhibit’s title, Major posits that a person’s experiences are part of a larger plan with internal logic. Evoking philosophical questions about spirituality, institutions, the self, and the agency of people who are composed of tiny, interrelated pieces.

Her layered abstract compositions are metaphors for how culture and belief systems are constructed by individuals. Major believes each tiny moment during a lifetime accumulates to establish one’s sense of self. On a larger scale, culture and society at large are comprised of the identity and experience of each individual.

“Shawne is an established exhibiting artist in our region,” continues Director LouAnne Greenwald. “The museum accessioned her works into its permanent collection in 2005, but this site-responsive installation in our atrium space offers a new way to appreciate her work.”

Shawne Major’s work resides in the permanent collections of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans Museum of Art, the Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, and the Hilliard Art Museum. Her work has been exhibited by Alexandria

Museum of Art, Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Scope Art Fair (Irvine Contemporary), Dallas Contemporary, Mobile Museum of Art, Texas Gallery, and many more.

Upon request, press and media kits are available that include additional high-resolution images and selected literature.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard Art Museum is located at 710 E. Saint Mary Blvd. on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. For general information, please visit HilliardMuseum.org or call 337-482-2278.

About the Hilliard Art Museum

Our Museum is a bridge. Our Museum is a catalyst. Our Museum is for everyone. We connect art and education, our university and our community, generations and cultures. The Hilliard Art Museum-University of Louisiana at Lafayette is not just a place to look at art. It's a place where visitors are encouraged to truly see art. It is a place of learning, where students sketch in the galleries and artists talk about their work. It's a destination for families, where kids express their own creativity through hands-on activities. And it's a resource for academic research and observation. Museum experiences build skills that extend into every aspect of life. Viewing art promotes dialogue and understanding between individuals, among families, and throughout our community. Art makes life richer. And better. For everyone.

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