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di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art Announces 2023 Exhibitions and Programs

Napa, Ca. (February ___, 2023) – di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is pleased to announce the 2023 Exhibition Schedule and upcoming public programs. Highlights include *di Rosa Projects*, a new series of artist-led gallery activations. *di Rosa Projects* invites contemporary artists into dialog with the permanent collection, building bridges between the past, present and future of Northern California art.

Michael Garlington

Friday, March 3 – Gallery 2 3:00-5:00 pm

Acclaimed photographer and sculptor Michael Garlington's monumental photo-temples have appeared at Burning Man, and museums across the country. For this special project, he will construct *Totem di Rosa* – a towering sculptural meditation on the art of Northern California, crafted in wood, ceramic and photography. Visitors are invited to step inside and engage with di Rosa's collections in fresh, unexpected ways. The installation of *Totem di Rosa* begins *di Rosa Projects*, a new series of artist-led gallery activations popping up in 2023.

Opening Reception: Friday, March 3 from 3-5 pm

All are welcome to celebrate the opening of *Michael Garlington's Totem di Rosa* in Gallery 2. This reception is free for members plus one guest and \$10 for non-members.

di Rosa Convenings: Art + Ecology Saturday, March 18 Sitewide | 9:00 am-4:00 pm Free

With a grant from Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, di Rosa is kicking off a series of convenings on timely topics relating to art and the North Bay community. This program is designed for wine country artists and creatives interested in understanding their impact on our natural environment. Join us for a day of conversation, workshops, and presentations in nature led by local experts. Facilitators include artist and psychologist Claire Dunn, artist and educator Enid Baxter Ryce, and Biologist Alex Wilbanks. Topics include natural dye gardening, art making using foraged materials, and ecology.

Space is limited to 40 participants with a priority for Napa and Sonoma residents in accordance with our grant funding. Registration opens Friday, February 24th.

<u>William Allan: Negotiations with Eden</u> - Plein Air Painting Picnic Friday, March 31 Gallery 1 Patio | 10:30 am-2:30 pm \$160, including lunch

Grab a friend or make a new one at di Rosa during our William Allan-inspired plein air picnic! The day will include a morning walkthrough of the special exhibition *Negotiations with Eden*, plein air painting instruction with Napa-based artist Nancy Willis and lunch on the patio overlooking Winery Lake. New to painting? No problem, both beginner or experienced painters are encouraged to attend. You can bring your own painting gear or we can set you up with all materials for a nominal fee. Advance registration is required.

Earth Day at di Rosa Saturday, April 22 Site-wide | 11 am - 4 pm General admission, free for members

Celebrate Earth Day at di Rosa! We will have a variety of special outdoor activities available for all ages to enjoy throughout the day.

<u>di Rosa Days: Spring Fever</u> Saturday, May 6 (Rain date: Saturday, May 20) Courtyard | 11 am - 4 pm Tickets on sale in March

Join di Rosa for live music, food trucks, artist-designated activities for all ages and a mini art car derby!

<u>Natural Discourse</u> Saturday May 6 (di Rosa Days) - Sunday, September 17 Sculpture Meadow

Contemporary artists Kija Lucas, Dornith Doherty, Sharon Beals, Uta Kohelsberger, Karoline Hjorth and Rita Ikonen take over di Rosa's sculpture meadow with large-scale digital photography speaking to the natural and agricultural histories of Napa. Guest curated by Shirley Watts.

Figure Telling Saturday, June 3 - Sunday, September 17

Northern California artists have once again embraced the figure – but contemporary Bay Area figuration has a radically different feel. A cross-generational group of Bay Area artists working in a variety of media from graphite and paint to pen and ink – produce compelling works grounded in narrative, storytelling and personal memory.

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 3, 5:30 - 7 pm All are welcome to celebrate the opening of *Figure Telling* in Gallery 1. This reception is free for members plus one guest and \$10 for non-members.

Camp di Rosa

June 19 - July 14 Campus-wide | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm \$450 per week, including all materials Registration opens March 1

An all-day art & nature summer camp for ages 6-14.

Week 1: June 19-23 Week 2: June 26-30 Week 3: July 10-14 Week 4: July 18-22

Ada Limon & Napa Valley Youth Symphony Saturday, June 24 Courtyard | 1:30 -2:30 pm Free with admission & membership

A special reading by National Poet Laureate Ada Limon in response to selected figurative sculptures in the Courtyard, complemented by a performance from Napa Valley Youth Symphony.

Figure Telling - Public Program Saturday, July 15 Gallery 1 | 2 - 4 pm \$10 general | \$5 members

An interdisciplinary performance responding to the exhibition, complemented by an invitation to experience the artworks through thoughtful conversation and guided looking.

<u>Courtyard Concert Series</u> September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Courtyard | 12:30 - 2:30 pm Free with admission & membership

Enjoy live music on the lawn Saturdays in September.

Grandparents Day Sunday, September 10 di Rosa galleries & grounds | 11 am - 4 pm \$10 general, \$5 members, with admission

Enjoy special activity kits just for grandparents and their grandkids.

<u>Listen Louder: Ana Teresa Fernández</u> Saturday, October 7 - Sunday, January 21, 2024

Ana Teresa Fernández – a painter and performance artist with a rising national profile – takes over di Rosa with a series of installations and performances encouraging visitors to 'listen louder' to the earth, and each other. Site-specific installations surrounding Winery Lake – a mirrored 'Listen' and glittering 'SHHH' – transform the landscape, commanding quiet reflection. Inside the gallery paintings, videos and sculptural installations interrogate social, economic and geographical borders that define our region. The exhibition is timed to coincide with the unveiling of Fernández's major new public art commission in the City of Napa.

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 7, 5:30 - 7 pm All are welcome to celebrate the opening of *Listen Louder*. This reception is free for members plus one guest and \$10 for non-members.

di Rosa Days: Fall Fest + Halloween Haunt Saturday, October 28 (Rain date: Sunday, October 29) Courtyard | 2 - 9 pm Tickets on sale in August

Music, food trucks, artist-designed activities, hay bale maze, trick or treating, and a haunted house.

<u>Listen Louder: Ana Teresa Fernández</u> - Public Program Saturday, November 4 Gallery 1 | 2 - 4 pm \$10 general, \$5 members, with admission

Presented in partnership with City of Napa, a deep dive conversation with the artist into "Circulation," the artist's public sculpture commissioned by the city.

<u>Ongoing Tours & Hikes</u> **Special Exhibition Tours:** 45-minute tours of special exhibitions are available Saturdays at 2 pm.

di Rosa Collection Tours: 90-minute tours of di Rosa's collection—both in the galleries and around the grounds—are available Friday through Sunday at 11:30 am.

Private Tours: Custom-tailored private tours of the galleries, exhibitions, and grounds are available at an additional charge Tuesday through Sunday. A minimum of two weeks' notice is requested for scheduling.

School Tours: di Rosa school tours are scheduled Tuesday - Friday. There is a \$3 fee per student, teachers and chaperones are free. The admission fee is waived for Title I schools.

Art + Nature Hikes: The second Sunday of each month, experienced docents lead groups from the patio of Gallery 1 halfway up Milliken Peak to get a close-up view of collection artworks unavailable to self-guiding visitors.

Milliken Peak Hikes: Quarterly hikes through the Sculpture Meadow and up the northern side of the property. Hikers will experience the diverse aspects of art and nature at di Rosa. This moderate hike is approximately 3 miles round trip with a slight elevation gain and offers sweeping vistas. Space is limited; advance tickets are recommended. Additional fee required.

Winery Lake Bird Walks: Monthly - 4th Sunday of each month - guided birding experiences led by local birding expert, Sara Curtis. For novices or experienced birders, enjoy a beautiful walk of mostly flat

terrain approximately 1 mile around Winery Lake learning about art and winged wildlife. A great way to enjoy Napa Valley outside the tasting rooms but still enjoying vineyard views. Additional fee required.

ABOUT DI ROSA CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

di Rosa is an art park and nature preserve on 217 acres in Carneros. Located at 5200 Sonoma Highway, di Rosa sits smack dab between Napa and Sonoma. The property includes two large art galleries, a beautiful lake, abundant birding, walking trails with vineyard views, outdoor sculptures, and picnic grounds.

Specializing in the art of Northern California, di Rosa presents contemporary exhibitions by Bay Area-based artists in addition to maintaining a permanent collection of notable works by artists with ties to the Bay Area from the mid-twentieth century to the early 2000's. di Rosa offers an array of public programs and events for all ages to inspire creativity and curiosity.

di Rosa is open to the public Friday through Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm, and by appointment Tuesday through Thursday. Visitors are encouraged to bring picnics. Outside food and drink is welcome. Children and educators are always free at di Rosa. For more information visit <u>www.dirosaart.org</u>.



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Mark di Suvero, For Veronica, 1986 outside di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art in Carneros, Napa Valley