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## NUMU WELCOMES SPRING WITH TWO NEW EXHIBITIONS *IN THE ARTIST'S STUDIO: FEATURING CHARLOTTE KRUK AND ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS: SELECTED WORKS FROM THE NUMU ATELIER MASTERS AND STUDENTS*

**LOS GATOS, CA — March 2019** — New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) is pleased to announce two new exhibitions opening soon: *In the Artist's Studio: Featuring Charlotte Kruk* and *On the Shoulders of Giants: Selected Works from the NUMU Atelier Masters and Students*.

### ***IN THE ARTIST'S STUDIO: FEATURING CHARLOTTE KRUK (April 26 - August 4)***

*In the Artist's Studio: Featuring Charlotte Kruk*, opens on April 26 and continues through August 4.

In this fourth installment of *In the Artist's Studio*, NUMU invites visitors into the studio of San Jose-based sculptress Charlotte Kruk for an introduction to her work, creative process, and life as an artist. Best known for her wearable sculptures crafted from repurposed candy and food wrappers, Kruk transforms discarded materials (candy wrappers, cookie boxes, paper, sugar bags, and plastic spoons and forks) into fine art. Visitors to the exhibition will see examples of her vibrant and colorful wearable sculptures and playful ceramics. Kruk's work is a response to environmental, cultural, and personal experiences. Also on view are some of Kruk's art making tools and personal items, along with photographs of private studio spaces, which are rarely open to the public.

NUMU's *In the Artist's Studio* exhibition series, introduced in 2018, supports the museum's mission to share stories in new ways. Most people do not have the opportunity to visit an artist's studio and learn firsthand how artwork is made, and more importantly why it is made. Through this program, NUMU offers insight into the practice of artmaking and shares with the community the ingenuity, intelligence and empathy that goes into the creative process.

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Students (May 17 – October 3, 2019)*

*In the Artist's Studio* is generously supported by the Borgenicht Foundation.

The Borgenicht Foundation works to promote the understanding of secularism as the way and hope for establishing peace in the world. In addition, the Foundation supports social justice, conservation and historic preservation, the arts, health, and education.

***ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS: SELECTED WORKS FROM THE NUMU ATELIER MASTERS AND STUDENTS (May 17 - October 13)***

Opening in the main gallery in May 17, *On the Shoulders of Giants: Selected Works from the NUMU Atelier Masters and Students* features the works of master artists and students from NUMU's Classical Drawing and Painting Atelier Program. The exhibition showcases all levels of mastery in the traditional style of classical drawing and painting. Featured artists include NUMU Atelier Director, Gabriel Coke, and Master Artists from NUMU's Visiting Artists Workshops program: David Gray, Elizabeth Zanzinger, Coung Nguyen, Jim McVicker, Bob Semans, and other contemporary masters from around the world.

NUMU Atelier Program Director Gabriel Coke founded the Atelier in 2015 and teaches classical drawing and painting classes for adults and teens. Gabriel has also developed a robust Visiting Artists Workshops program (VAW) at NUMU that invites highly successful Artists to offer week and weekend-long intensive workshops to the NUMU Atelier throughout the year. NUMU's VAW program has grown out of Coke's many friendships with painters across the United States and Europe. Coke has studied with teachers and working artists in Seattle, Washington, Santa Fe, New Mexico, France, Norway and New York City. He has worked and studied at The Grand Central Academy of Art in New York, Frovik Kunstscole in Norway, Ecole Albert deFois in France, The Studio of Anthony Ryder in Santa Fe, New Mexico, The Gage Academy of Art in Seattle, Washington, and The Concrete Tower, Old Arcata Creamery in Arcata, California, among others.

**About New Museum Los Gatos**

New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly The Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum located in the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Los Gatos. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs and experiences. Visit: [numulosgatos.org](http://numulosgatos.org)

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