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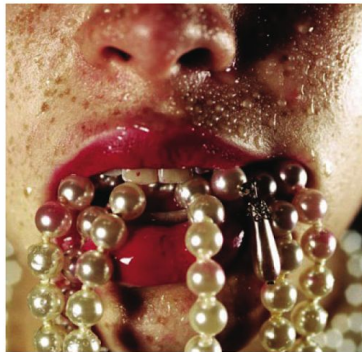
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## A CALL TO COLLECT

*An Exhibition Celebrating the Art of Collecting, Featuring Selected Works from  
Four Los Gatos/Saratoga Private Art Collections*



**LOS GATOS, CA — December, 2016 —** Opening on January 26, 2017 and on view through June 4, 2017, New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) presents *A Call to Collect*, an exhibition that celebrates the pursuit of collecting art, featuring prized works from four highly regarded Los Gatos/Saratoga collectors. These locally connected women with globally relevant art collections have unique stories to share. From the early days of their collecting pursuits to current acquisitions, visitors to the exhibition will learn about the individual motives behind collecting art.

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The exhibition includes selections from four distinctive collections: one with a focus on Contemporary Indian art; another collection devoted to women artists; a collection celebrating Japanese art and culture, and a collection that grew from the vibrant mid-century New York art scene. Featured paintings, drawings, sculpture and objects include works by: Milton Avery, Rina Banerjee, Willem de Kooning, Hashimoto Gyoin, Henri Matisse, Marilyn Minter, Laurel Nakadate, Mayumi Oda and Debanjan Roy. Interactive elements that introduce visitors to noted female collectors from history, including Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Peggy Guggenheim and Isabella Stewart Gardner, will also be presented in the exhibition gallery.

“We are excited to work with these generous local collectors and honored to share selections from their private collections.” Says art curator, Marianne McGrath. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to view and study works by internationally renowned artists.”

NUMU will feature programs related to the exhibition, including a series of collectors workshops on March 2, March 30 and April 27<sup>th</sup>, which will be co-hosted with the Whitney Modern gallery in Los Gatos. These workshops are intended to de-mystify the practice of collecting and caring for a collection. Additional programs will include an art appraisal event and a hands-on program for children where participants can take part in learning activities with the collection incorporating writing, photography and crafting.

*A Call to Collect* is generously supported by the Whitney Education Foundation and the Whitney Modern gallery in Los Gatos. NUMU also gratefully acknowledges support from its many donors and members.

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New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly the Los Gatos Museum Association 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. The NUMU Atelier offers classical instruction in painting and drawing. NUMU MakerSpace programs offer weekday, weekend and evening hands-on art instruction for children and adults.

Museum hours are Wednesday 1pm-5pm, Thursday 11am-8pm, and Friday through Sunday 11am-5pm. General admission is \$10. Admission for members of the military, seniors and students over 18 years is \$6, and free for members and visitors under 18 years of age.

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**Images (left to right):** **Mayumi Oda**, *Earth Ship*, 1976. Edition 12/100, Original silkscreen print on paper, 38.5 X 26", Collection of Kumiko Iwasawa; **Marilyn Minter**, *Satiated*, 2003. C-print, 51 x 38 inches, Collection of Wanda Kownacki; **Debanjan Roy**, *India Shining*, 2007, Edition 1 of 5, Cast aluminum with acrylic paint, 27 X 46 X 30", Mathur Family Collection

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