Berkshire Museum’s Art of the Hills Will Open On Time, Online
Innovative solution allows patrons to explore virtual galleries.

[Pittsfield, MA] – Despite Coronavirus restrictions, Berkshire Museum’s featured summer exhibition, Art of the Hills: Narrative, will open on its previously scheduled date, Saturday, June 6, with one major modification: instead of hanging on the plaster walls of the community museum’s galleries each selected work will be displayed on the simulated walls of an immersive, high-resolution 3D rendering. Visitors to the virtual exhibition will feel as if they are touring the museum’s galleries thanks to a cutting-edge technique that combines a three-dimensional digital model with crisp, colorful images of the artists’ work and user-friendly navigation.

The online exhibition will kick off at 5:30 pm on June 6 with a virtual tour of the show presented by jurors Amy Myers and Seung Lee followed by a live Q&A. The community is encouraged to register at explore.berkshiremuseum.org/events to reserve their space at the free online event.

After the virtual opening event has concluded, the innovative digital exhibition will be added to explore.berkshiremuseum.org so that visitors may “walk” or “fly” through the galleries using their web browser or virtual reality headset as they examine each artwork in high definition at their own pace as part of the museum’s popular Berkshire Museum@Home online programming. Additional Art of the Hills: Narrative events and
digital content will be added to the site throughout the run of the virtual show as they are announced.

“We are committed to carrying on our mission, fulfilling our promise to the many talented artists in the show, and above all else: keeping or community and staff safe," said Jeff Rodgers, executive director of the Berkshire Museum. “Bringing this exhibition online does just that. I’m thrilled that we are able to share the work of Berkshire artists with the public now and look forward to opening.”

The new exhibition is the second installment of Art of the Hills, a juried exhibition that celebrates the rich, creative culture of our region by highlighting the works of emerging and established artists that live or work within a 60-mile radius of Berkshire Museum’s location in downtown Pittsfield. The first Art of the Hills exhibition debuted at the Berkshire Museum in 2018.

Art of the Hills: Narrative features 78 works by 64 artists thoughtfully curated from a collection of more than 530 submitted works. Jurors Seung Lee and Amy Myers embraced the “narrative” theme in similar but unique ways: Lee sought pieces that “tell the viewer a story by using features such as character, scenes, time, technique, and purpose,” with an emphasis on skillful interpretation of a perceived concept; while Myers reviewed the works from the standpoint of time and wonder, selecting pieces that left her with “a question or curiosity” rather than a conclusion.

Art of the Hills: Narrative is expected to open in Berkshire Museum’s physical galleries with a community celebration on October 10, 2020. Guests at the October 10 event will have the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy their work up-close and in-person.

The exhibition includes works by the following artists:

- Stephanie A. Anderson
- Jason Antaya
- Dorene Beller
- Teresa A Bills
• Stephanie A. Blumenthal
• Morgan J. Burns
• William Casper
• Kristina Charlotte Chevalier
• John Clarke
• E. Cleary
• Bill Cooke
• Jen Delgado
• Brian DiNicola
• Julia Dixon
• Abby DuBow
• Sally Eagle
• Julie Edmonds
• Ralph Frisina
• Dana Goedewaagen
• Marla Greenfield
• Frank Gregory
• Ali Herrmann
• Elizabeth Seewald Hill
• Pat Hogan
• Nicole Ireen
• Laurie Israel
• Daniel Koretz
• Robert H. Lafond
• John Landon
• Carol Lew
• Sharon S. Lips
• Ben Mancino
• Robert Markey
• John Mathys

• Jane McWhorter
• Dan Mead
• Edward Merritt
• James Meyer
• Kent Mikalsen
• Patty Mullins
• Gerard Natale
• Alvin Ouellet
• Melissa Stratton Pandina
• Bruce Panock
• Barbara Patton
• Bryan Powers
• Peggy Reeves
• Ilene Richard
• John Roberts
• Joan Rooks
• Cheryl R. Sacks
• Hilary Scott
• James Singelis
• Cassandra Sohn
• Ilene Spiewak
• Paula Stern
• Sarah Stroud
• Maurine Sutter
• Annika Tucksmith
• Natalie Tyler
• Keith White
• Terry Wise
• Cathy Wysocki
• Larry Zingale
About the Berkshire Museum

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series. The museum building is temporarily closed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visit explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.