Local Artists Shine in Art of the Hills at the Berkshire Museum

The juried exhibition featuring the work of contemporary artists opens in the galleries October 10

[Pittsfield, MA] – Summer may be over, but the arts season is just warming up at the Berkshire Museum. Art of the Hills: Narrative, a juried exhibition showcasing the work of local, contemporary artists will open in the museum’s downtown Pittsfield galleries on Saturday, October 10, 2020 and remain on view through January 10, 2021. Art of the Hills: Narrative is generously sponsored by Lee Bank.

When it opens October 10, Art of the Hills will fill more than 2,400 square feet of gallery space with 78 one-of-a-kind works by 64 artists. The exhibition is thoughtfully curated by jurors Amy Myers and Seung Lee from more than 530 submissions. Lee, Director of Fine Arts and Graduate Studies at Long Island University, Post Campus, and artist whose paintings, drawings, and large-scale installations have been exhibited extensively in the United States and abroad, 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. Myers, a New York-based artist whose large-scale abstract paintings and drawings referencing particle physics, the human mind, and the mechanics of the universe have been featured in museums across the country including the Berkshire Museum in 2018,
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*, which was originally scheduled to open June 6, was first presented this summer in a 3D, virtual model of the museum’s galleries as part of Berkshire Museum@Home. The digital *Art of the Hills* experience continues to grow as new media is added each week. Site visitors can join Amy Myers and Seung Lee for a recorded tour or hear directly from artists through a series of audio recordings at [explore.berkshiremuseum.org/art-of-the-hills-narrative](explore.berkshiremuseum.org/art-of-the-hills-narrative).

“We are thrilled to present this exceptional exhibition that brings together so many talented artists from around the region,” said Berkshire Museum Executive Director Jeff Rodgers. “It has been great to be able to share these works in a virtual format these past months. But there’s something special about experiencing sculptures, paintings, and photographs up-close and in-person – you truly appreciate every texture, color, and brush stroke in a different light.”

With the October 10 opening of *Art of the Hills* the community museum will enter Phase 4 of its plan for a safe reopening. During Phase 4, visitors with advance reservations will enjoy a 2-hour Berkshire Museum experience that includes *Art of the Hills: Narrative*, the museum’s first floor galleries, and a private experience in the Aquarium. Visitors will still be required to follow the COVID Code of Conduct which includes social distancing, face coverings for all patrons 2 and older, sharing information for contact tracing, and more. Reservations during this phase will cost $13 per adult. Berkshire Museum members, EBT cardholders, and children ages 18 and under always visit free. Reservations may be made at [berkshiremuseum.org/visit](berkshiremuseum.org/visit) or by calling 413.443.7171 ext. 360.

The 2020 exhibition is the second installment of *Art of the Hills*, a series of exhibitions created to celebrate the rich, creative culture of the region by highlighting the works of emerging and established artists that live or work within a 60-mile radius of the 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* 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 Irene
- 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
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 currently open by reservation five days a week, featuring the Aquarium and first floor exhibitions including *Berkshire Backyard*, *Rocks and Minerals*, *Animals of the World in Miniature*, and the *Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation*. Plan your visit at berkshiremuseum.org or go to explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.