

The Museum of Modern Art

IN CELEBRATION OF AGNES GUND'S CONTRIBUTIONS AS ART PATRON, COLLECTOR, AND LONGTIME TRUSTEE OF MoMA

Studio Visit: Selected Gifts from Agnes Gund

April 29, 2018–July 22, 2018

Floor Two, Collection Galleries

The exhibition, ***Studio Visit: Selected Gifts from Agnes Gund***, celebrates Gund's contributions as a patron of the arts, a collector, and a longtime Trustee of The Museum of Modern Art and MoMA PS1. On view from April 29, 2018, through July 22, 2018, the presentation pays tribute to the more than 800 works of art she has funded over the past half century. These gifts have come steadily and reliably during her decades of service as a key member of several departmental acquisition committees and her tenure as the Museum's President from 1991 to 2002.

A studio visit provides an opportunity for some of the most meaningful encounters, conversations, and exchanges between artists, friends, curators, and collectors. Agnes Gund—or “Aggie,” as she is affectionately known—is one of the most dedicated and steadfast of studio visitors, consistently inspired by the thrill of looking and talking with artists in the presence of their artworks. Gund is committed to supporting a vast range of artists, from celebrated figures she counts among her close friends to emerging talents whose work she champions. “My friendships with artists,” she has said, “as well as a sensitivity to the challenges facing women artists and artists of color, have been formative in shaping my collection, which is deeply personal and deeply autobiographical.” The exhibition will reflect the depth of her collecting by bringing together a broad-ranging group of artworks from the 1950s to today in a non-chronological display that sets visitor favorites, seldom seen works, and recent acquisitions in dialogue with one another. Presenting a selection of 55 works Gund has given to MoMA, the exhibition shows that our collection would not be what it is today without her deeply held convictions and unparalleled generosity.

In celebration of her more than 50 years of involvement with the Museum, MoMA's Party in the Garden will honor Ms. Gund, on May 31. In 1967, she first joined MoMA's International Council and served on the Museum's Board of Trustees from 1976 until 2002. Since 2002, she has served as president emerita and currently sits as chairman of the Board of Directors for MoMA PS1. Ms. Gund's dedication and generous philanthropy to the arts community also extends beyond the Museum to other organizations such as Studio in a School, the Cleveland Museum of Art, National Young Arts Foundation, the Foundation for Contemporary Arts, the Center for Curatorial Leadership, and the Art for Justice Fund, to name only a few.

Organized by Ann Temkin, The Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator, and Cara Manes, Assistant Curator, with Mia Matthias, Curatorial Fellow, Department of Painting and Sculpture. Special thanks to Klaus Biesenbach, Chief Curator at Large, MoMA, and Director, MoMA PS1.

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