

Image: *to have but not hold*

By Wyoming Artist & "Woman to Watch" Katy Ann Fox
oil on panel, 36 x 48 inches

WYOMING COMMITTEE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

5 WYOMING WOMEN ARTISTS TO WATCH



CHAMPIONING WOMEN THROUGH THE ARTS



Image: NMWA, Cameron Robinson

The National Museum for Women in the Arts (NMWA), based in Washington, DC, is the first museum in the world solely dedicated to championing women through the arts.

The NMWA Wyoming Steering Committee exists to spread the mission of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, advocate for women artists and curatorial professionals in Wyoming and serve as NMWA ambassadors.

2024 WOMEN TO WATCH EXHIBIT

Women to Watch is the Museum's biennial exhibition series that features underrepresented and emerging women artists who create in any medium including, but not limited to, painting, sculpture, print, drawing, photography, film, digital, installation, and sound.

The exhibition for 2024 centers on the theme "New / Future / Alternative Worlds." How have our societal conditions impacted artists' visions for the future or inspired them to create alternative current realities?

"Given the extraordinary events of 2020 including a global health pandemic, intense calls for social reform, and unprecedented political division, any contemporary art exhibition planned for a few years from now will necessarily include work that is impacted by all of these issues. However, rather than focus on the events of 2020 as an organizing factor for Women to Watch 2024, we choose instead to look to artists' visions of a new world."

WYOMING WOMEN TO WATCH

Wyoming will participate for the first time in NMWA's *Women to Watch* exhibition, held in Washington, DC in 2024.

Five Wyoming women artists have been nominated by Wyoming-based consulting curator Dr. Tammi Hanawalt, one of which will be selected by NMWA to be featured in the national and international exhibition in Washington, D.C.

This volunteer committee will steer the process for Wyoming's participation in the Women to Watch exhibition at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in 2024. The process includes raising the profile of the nominated artists and our guest curator around the state. We aim for our work to reach every corner of the state through a film we are producing to highlight our selected artists, exhibitions, artists events, a podcast and more.

THE ARTISTS

KATY ANN FOX

Jackson, Wyoming

Oil Painter

"My role as an artist is to create more of what I hope for in this world. My paintings convey optimism, modesty, respect, and harmony calling positive attention to moments of calm and beauty. I find the delight within subjects that may often be categorized as mundane or perhaps overlooked altogether and bring a depth of understanding in color theory, composition and the capabilities, richness and application of oil paint."



THE ARTISTS

LEAH HARDY

Laramie, Wyoming

Metalsmith

"Employing insect-inspired forms which become metaphors for the present human condition, my current works are narrative and contemplative in nature. Fragmented, altered with mechanical elements or re-contextualized, these life forms reference our fascination with immortality and desire with the underlying yearning to connect, communicate and gain insight"



THE ARTISTS

BRONWYN MINTON

Jackson, Wyoming

Mixed Media

Using simple forms derived from nature, her work exploits radically different scales, from the microscopic to the monumental, bringing attention to how we fit with and construct nature.



THE ARTISTS

SARAH ORTEGON

Wind River Reservation and
Denver, CO

Painting and Beadwork
Performance Artist

"With the issues of the pandemic, the ever haunting reality of climate change and our rights as Indigenous people being chipped away to this day...I believe that the way forward is to continue to heal, through movement, through connecting to our original ways of being and through community gatherings and teachings."



THE ARTISTS

JENNIFER RIFE

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Ephemeral Land Art
Installations

"Reflections on land and environmental issues have challenged me to focus on installations that leave little trace on our much-scarred land. As we extract resources from the earth and capture sun and wind to power our modern reality, we leave scars. The objects I create are placed in the environment then removed within a matter of minutes, creating a moment in an alternative reality."



CELEBRATING WYOMING WOMEN ARTISTS

These selected Women to Watch represent a small portion of the prolific and talented women artists across our state.

Obtaining statewide, national and international recognition for Wyoming artists will:

- Raise the profile of our five nominated artists and our curator statewide, nationally and internationally.
- Raise the profile of the Wyoming arts in a broader sense. We have an outstanding community of female artists in our state that the wider world deserves to know about.
- Build bridges among the communities in our state—vast spaces separate us and the arts can bring us together.
- Provide diverse programming, including local events, a professionally produced video, website and podcasts that will reach artists, arts lovers, students and the public in every corner of our state

The wild, open spaces of Wyoming have long been inspiring artists to express their creative vision. Wyoming women artists represent Wyoming's historic reputation as the equality state and the universal need for diverse art that fosters human connection - even from the farthest corners of the vast Wyoming landscape.

UPLIFT WYOMING WOMEN'S ART

Over the next two years, the Wyoming Committee will promote these five Wyoming women artists and ask for your support to help us create:

- A cinematic 6 to 8-minute video showcasing the five Wyoming women artists, their work, and Wyoming
- Hire Casper based LUM PR Agency to promote the artists, their work, and this endeavor
- Underwrite in person events, artist and curatorial honorariums
- Cover costs for the artists to travel to these events around the state
- Cover costs for the finalist to attend the *Women to Watch* exhibition in Washington D.C. in 2024

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