

Press Release

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**The Museum of Sonoma County presents
A Question of Balance: Selected Works from Pacific Rim Sculptors
January 27 – May 26, 2024**

Opening reception: Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 3 – 5pm

The Museum of Sonoma County (MSC) is pleased to present *A Question of Balance: Selected Works from Pacific Rim Sculptors* (PRS) from February 27 - May 26, 2024 in the Museum's contemporary art gallery. Artworks for the exhibition were selected by jurors Jeff Nathanson, MSC Executive Director and Art Curator, and Kate Eilertsen, Executive Director and Chief Curator of Di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art.

A call for entries invited artists who are members of Pacific Rim Sculptors to submit artworks addressing the balance-related theme. The invitation included this common definition of 'balance': *a state of equilibrium or equipoise; equal distribution of weight or amount, or something used to produce equilibrium*. Artists were also provided with additional parameters for the exhibition: balance can refer to gravity, mathematics, accounting, opposing ideas or components, balance of power, etc. Additional questions were posed: what does balance mean to you personally or in a larger context? What are the varied and multiple meanings and interpretations of "balance"?

Artists used their own interpretations in materials, techniques, subject matter, or a combination of concepts to address the theme of balance. The resulting exhibition features 46 sculptors representing a diverse range of approaches, techniques, and materials. Included are sculptural works in metal, wood, stone, mixed media, and installation in sizes ranging from nine inches to over 12 feet in height.

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A Question of Balance will open to the public on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**. Admission for the opening day of this exhibition is free. A variety of activities are scheduled to take place at MSC that day, including a Lunar New Year celebration with Redwood Empire Chinese Association from 1-3pm and a reception for the artists and Museum members from 5-7pm.

Artists in *A Question of Balance* are: Don Ajello, Richard Alpert, Susan Amode, Jerry Barrish, Barry Beach, Barbara Berk, Jan Blythe, Nancy Brown, Jay Capella, Cheryl Coon, Sena Clara Creston, Catherine Daley, Lynn Dau, Rene Dayan Whitehead, Eileen Fitz-Faulkner, Rebecca Fox, Sheila Ghidini, Annette Goodfriend, Jane Grimm, Briona Hendren, Stan Huncilman, Rachel Karklin, Peter Keresztury, Jeff Key, Kathleen King, Terry Kreiter, Magels Landet, Oleg Lobykin, Jann Nunn, Moto Ohtake, Ucki Ood, Jeff Owen, Renee Owen, John Pashilk, Priyanka Rana, Ruth Santee, Rose Sellery, Adele Seltzer, Vicki Jo Sewell, Charles Splady, Richard Starks, Kline Swonger, Leitha Thrall, Laura Van Duren, Mary White, and Alexander Yoshikawa

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[About Pacific Rim Sculptors](#)

Pacific Rim Sculptors (PRS), a chapter of the International Sculpture Center, is based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Although PRS has member sculptors beyond the Bay Area, this exhibition features primarily regional sculptors, with a particular focus on the artists of the North Bay. Innovation in techniques and materials helps distinguish the practice of many artists in the Bay Area, as well as interest in the environment and topical issues.

[About the Museum of Sonoma County](#)

Located in Downtown Santa Rosa on Seventh Street between A and B Streets, the Museum of Sonoma County (MSC) presents exhibitions of modern and contemporary art and local and regional history. MSC is open year-round with changing exhibitions, public programs, school tours, and special events. MSC preserves and manages a regional art and history collection of over 18,000 objects, the region's largest object documentation of Sonoma County's history and culture.

[Mission](#)

The Museum of Sonoma County engages and inspires our diverse community with art and history exhibitions, collections, and public programs that are inclusive, educational, and relevant.

[Smithsonian Affiliate](#)

The Museum of Sonoma County has been a Smithsonian Affiliate since 2009. Smithsonian Affiliations establishes long-term partnerships with museums, education and cultural organizations to facilitate the loan of Smithsonian artifacts and traveling exhibitions, as well as

to develop innovative educational collaborations locally and nationally. Created in 1996 by an act of the Smithsonian Board of Regents, the program is overseen by the Smithsonian's Assistant Secretary for Education and Access and is one of the pillars of the Institution's national outreach efforts. There are more than 200 Smithsonian Affiliates in nearly every state, Puerto Rico and Panama. Affiliates represent the diversity of America's museum community— size, location and subject— and serve all audiences. More than 8,000 Smithsonian artifacts have been displayed at Affiliate locations for the past 20 years.

Admission

Adults: \$10.00

Seniors, Students, Disabled: \$7.00

EBT Cardholders: FREE

Museum Members: FREE

Children 12 and under: FREE

Museum Hours

Open: Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm

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Adele Seltzer
Vortex VI
2016
Recycled steel
28" x 15" x 14"



Jay Capella
Rotating Discs #1
2023
stainless steel, rusted mild steel, sealed
ball bearings, translucent colored acrylic
120" x 87" x 22"



Jeff Owen
Balance
2023
Steel and Stainless steel
96" x 36" x 36"



Magels Lande
Metamorphosis
2023
Stainless steel
11" x 15" x 6"

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Catherine Daley
Ripple
2023
Bronze, stainless, glass
128" 49"



Susan Amorde
Block and Tackle
2017
Vintage leather suitcases, antique block and tackle,
rope, antique metal anchor
156" x 66" X 54"

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