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Opens Friday, May 1 in Joslyn's Permanent Collection Galleries

(Omaha, NE) – *Our Museum: Community Picks* at Joslyn Art Museum is an exhibition (of sorts), with the community serving as curator! Beginning May 1, Joslyn visitors will find a collection of personal reflections, facts, and feelings shared by community members, posted alongside their favorite artworks in the galleries. See “picks” by a diverse group of people – from small business owners, nonprofit leaders, students, artists, educators, and more – each lending a unique voice, bringing a new perspective to a Joslyn treasure (see the list that follows). The first round of “picks” will be on view through July. Round two, featuring a fresh batch of *Community Picks*, will begin August 1. Viewing *Community Picks* is included in free general Museum admission.

Visitors to the Museum will be encouraged to stop by the My Pick station on Strauss Bridge to share a note about their favorite artwork, or chime in via social media @joslynartmuseum beginning May 1. A website will also launch May 1: joslyn.org/communitypicks.

Community Picks Meet & Greet

Thursday, May 7 @ 5:30 pm

The public is invited to be among the first to discover the gallery reflections and say hello to the contributors! Everyone is invited for conversation and refreshments in the Storz Fountain Court along with Community Picks viewing. A cash bar will be available.

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The following 41 members of the Omaha community are featured in the first round of *Community Picks* at Joslyn, beginning May 1:

Mark A.	Joslyn Home School Art School Student
Becky App	Co-Founder, eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato
Patricia "Big Mama" Barron	Big Mama's Kitchen
Ed Bennett	Principal, Central High School
Amy Brown	Co-publisher & Editor, <i>Edible Omaha</i>
David Brown	President & CEO, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephanie Carlson-Pruch	Art Specialist, Gomez Heritage Elementary School & Joslyn Art Museum
Brent Crampton	House of Loom
Jack Diesing, Jr.	Chairman & Managing Director, Aon Risk Services; Chairman, President, & Treasurer, College World Series
Lance Fritz	President & CEO, Union Pacific
Mary Gallagher	Art Specialist, Omaha Public Schools
Gary Gates	President & CEO, OPPD
Zoe Guapp	Student, Brownell-Talbot School
Ruth Henrichs	President & CEO, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska
Paw Tha Hser	Karen Bilingual Liaison, Omaha Public Schools
Chris Hughes	Owner, Artifact Bag Co.
Rachel Jacobson	Founder & Executive Director, Film Streams
John Jeannetta	President & CEO, Heartland Family Service
Joshua Kozak	Teacher, Cornerstone Christian
Clark Lauritzen	Executive Vice President, First National Bank
Matt Mason	Poet; Executive Director, Nebraska Writers Collective
Amy Mather	Librarian, Omaha Public Library; Host, "Whatever Mathers"
Joey Mollner	ESL Instructor, Learning Community Center of South Omaha
Isa Moskowitz	Chef & Cookbook author
Deborah Neary	Non-profit Executive, Midlands Mentoring Partnership
Gabby Newton	Joslyn Home School Art School Student
Brody O'Donnell	Kid, age 5
Susan Ogborn	President & CEO, Food Bank for the Heartland
Erika Overturff	Artistic Director & Founder, Ballet Nebraska
Rita Paskowitz	Professional Storyteller
Carol Redwing	Public Administration Graduate Student, UNO
Sharon Reed	Art Specialist, Standing Bear Elementary
Paul Sather	Director, UNO Service Learning Academy
Cecily Taylor	Student, Central High School
Jake Thacker	Senior Consultant, KOVUS
Katie Triplett	Nurse Practitioner, Methodist Hospital
Kevin Vanourney	IT Project Management Office Consultant
Tom Warren	Urban League of Nebraska
Solomon Washington	Student, Northwest High School
Roxanne Williams	Executive Director, City Sprouts & Community Garden
Mary Zicafoose	Artist: Tapestry Weaver, Printmaker

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Our Museum: Community Picks at Joslyn Art Museum



Our Mission — Joslyn Art Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the visual arts of the highest quality, fostering appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

Our Vision — To be cherished and respected as a premier art museum.

Joslyn Art Museum showcases art from ancient times to the present. The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, lecture hall, classrooms, sculpture garden, café, shop, and Art Works, an interactive space for art exploration (new in 2014).

General Museum Admission: Free (includes *Community Picks*).

Regular Museum Hours (includes exhibition): Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am–4 pm; late 'til 8 pm on Thursday; closed Monday and major holidays.

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