

The Menil Collection Announces Fall Artist Talk Line-Up

Houston museum welcomes Nancy Grossman, Samuel Fosso, and Mel Bochner for free public program series



HOUSTON—August 29, 2022—The Menil Collection is pleased to announce the fall line-up for the Artist Talk series. One of the museum’s longest running programs, these talks welcome contemporary artists Nancy Grossman, Samuel Fosso and Mel Bochner to speak about their practice and artwork on view in the Menil’s galleries.

Nancy Grossman - POSTPONED

Thursday, September 15, 6–7 p.m. | Main Building, 1533 Sul Ross Street

Nancy Grossman joins the Menil’s Senior Curator Michelle White for a talk about her artistic practice of more than fifty years. Two of her evocative works, *Gunhead*, 1984, and *Head*, 1968, are on view in the museum’s galleries.

Samuel Fosso in conversation with Mark Sealy

Thursday, October 6, 7–8 p.m. | Main Building, 1533 Sul Ross Street

Samuel Fosso joins curator and historian Mark Sealy for a conversation about photography and self-presentation in Fosso’s work. The program is presented in conjunction with the Menil’s exhibition *Samuel Fosso: African Spirits*, and the 2022 FotoFest Biennial exhibition *African Cosmologies Redux*.

Mel Bochner

Wednesday, October 19, 6–8 p.m. | Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St.

Mel Bochner joins Chief Curator Edouard Kopp for a talk in conjunction with his new wall drawing for the Menil Drawing Institute, opening on October 20. The talk is followed by a public reception with the artist.

About the Menil Collection

Philanthropists and art patrons John and Dominique de Menil established the Menil Foundation in 1954 to foster greater public understanding and appreciation of art, architecture, culture, religion, and philosophy. In 1987, the Menil Collection’s main museum building opened to the public. Today, the Menil Collection consists of a group of five art buildings and green spaces located within a residential neighborhood in central Houston. The Menil remains committed to its founders’ belief that art is essential to human experience and fosters direct personal encounters with works of art. The museum welcomes all visitors free of charge to its buildings and surrounding green spaces. [menil.org](https://www.menil.org)

Funding

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Image Captions

1. Nancy Grossman. Photo courtesy of Michael Rosenfeld Gallery.
2. Samuel Fosso, *Nelson Mandela*, from the series *African Spirits*, 2008. Gelatin silver print, 64 × 48 in. (162.6 × 121.9 cm). Courtesy of the artist and Jean Marc Patras, Paris.
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3. Portrait of Mel Bochner. Photo courtesy of James Powers