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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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**LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM PRESENTS MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART
FROM THE COLLECTION OF LOUISE MCCAGG**

New London - Lyman Allyn Art Museum announces the opening of *Louise McCagg: The Artist's Eye*, on view Sept. 7 through Dec. 15. Presenting modern and contemporary art from the collection of artist Louise McCagg (American, 1936–2020), this exhibition celebrates friendship and collaboration. It will showcase McCagg's sculptures and works on paper in conversation with the work of notable artists such as Elaine de Kooning, Romare Bearden, Louise Bourgeois, Philip Guston, Sol LeWitt, Yoko Ono, Alice Neel, and Cindy Sherman, among others.



Louise McCagg, *Congregation*, 1991-1998, handmade paper pulp. Gift of the daughters of Louise H. McCagg, Alexandra O. McCagg and Dorothy B. McCagg, 2021.12.102.

A recent gift to the Lyman Allyn, the McCagg collection is eclectic and personal, reflecting Louise's artistic interests and friendships and her family's geographic reach. A Connecticut native, Louise McCagg cultivated artistic friendships in Connecticut, Michigan, Eastern Europe, and New York City, where she was a member of the women-run A.I.R. Gallery collective in Brooklyn. In her own work, McCagg produced portrait face masks of friends and



Richard Timperio, *Untitled*, 2011, acrylic on paper. Gift of the daughters of Louise H. McCagg, Alexandra O. McCagg and Dorothy B. McCagg, 2021.12.88.

colleagues, playing with scale and materiality to configure various sculptural installations, exploring relationships, identity, and artistic community.

With over 40 dynamic sculptures, paintings, and works on paper by both celebrated and lesser-known artists, *The Artist's Eye* explores remarkable artworks compiled by a feminist and politically active artist and collector.

The opening reception is Friday, Sept. 27, from 5 - 7 p.m. Museum members are free, and non-members are \$10. To register, call 860.443.2545 ext. 2129 or email us at info@lymanallyn.org.

Related programming includes a Gallery Talk with Louise McCagg's daughters, artist Xanda McCagg and author Tory McCagg, and Lyman Allyn Curator Tanya Pohrt on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 pm. Members are \$10, and non-members are \$15. More information will be available on lymanallyn.org.

Support for this exhibition comes from a private donation. Additional funding for Lyman Allyn exhibitions has been provided by the Connecticut State Legislature and is administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson by email at dawson@lymanallyn.org.

About Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 19,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.