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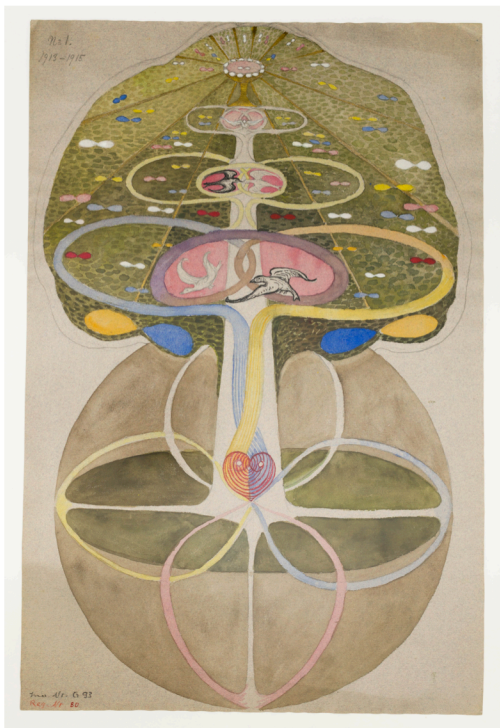
### NEWS

# Week In Review: Coronavirus Prompts Art World Closures and Delays; Shell Ends Partnership With Two UK Art Institutions

**Artadia** has announced **Beatriz Cortez**, **Amir H. Fallah**, and **Suné Woods** as its LA-based artists award winners. | via email announcement

After this year's LA Art Book Fair was canceled due to the coronavirus, Ohio-based curatorial assistant Jordan Spencer started a collaborative Google spreadsheet for exhibitors to share what they planned to show this year, along with detailed descriptions, prices, and links to purchase.

In the midst of protests and strikes for women's rights worldwide, members of Colectiva SJF met in Mexico City's central plaza, el Zócalo, to paint the names of victims of femicide in Mexico from the past four years. Over 200 other women joined them in painting about 250 names, which were scrubbed around 24 hours later.



A work by Hilma af Klint at Lightforms Art Center in the Hudson Valley (courtesy of Lightforms Art Center)

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation are launching a new medical emergency aid program for artists. The one-time Rauschenberg Emergency Grants will provide visual and media artists and choreographers with up to \$5,000 to cover a number of unforeseen medical expenses.

Hilma af Klint has arrived in New York's Hudson Valley. From botanical sketches to art inspired by af Klint's spiritual practice, lesser-known works by the beloved Swedish artist are now on view at the Lightforms Art Center.

Shell, the global oil and gas multinational, has announced plans to end its relationship with the London-

based art complex Southbank Centre and the British Film Institute (BFI). The move comes in the wake of mounting pressure for cultural institutions to divest from oil sponsorship in the midst of the climate crisis.

A proposal this week to relocate the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) to an Upper West Side Beaux-Arts church is facing fierce opposition from the local community. Preservationists and community members called the proposed changes to the church "cultural vandalism."



The 2018 Affordable Art Fair In Battersea Park (via Jim Linwood/[Flickr](#))

A Vietnamese artist was asked not to participate in this year's London edition of the Affordable Art Fair because "Asians are seen as carriers" of the coronavirus. New York dealer Raquelle Azran told artist An Nguyen that their presence "would unfortunately create hesitation on the part of the audience."

A unique 2,000-year old painted leopard sarcophagus has been unearthed in Egypt. Archeologists are now reconstructing the pieces of the sarcophagus, found in a necropolis

more than 15 feet below ground on the western bank of the Nile River.



Noah Davis, "In Search of Gallerius Maximumianus" (2009), oil on canvas, 48 1/8 x 48 1/8 inches (courtesy of Phillips)

At Phillips New York's New Now Auction, records were set for nine artists, including Leonardo Drew, Yoan Capote, and Noah Davis, whose oil painting "In Search of Gallerius Maximumianus" (2009) sold for \$400,000, five times its high estimate. This and other notable sales and acquisitions are chronicled in our latest **Transactions** story.

## This Week in the Art World



Emma Talbot, portrait in the artist's studio, pictured with "When Screens Break" (2020) (photo by Thierry Bal)

**Emma Talbot** has been announced as the winner of the **8th Max Mara Art Prize for Women**. | via email announcement

**Marian Goodman Gallery** now represents **Tavares Strachan**. | via email announcement

The **New Museum** in New York's board of trustees has four new members: **Patricia Blanchet, Füsün Eczacıbaşı, Tommie L. Pegues, and Jamie Singer**. | via email announcement

**Luhring Augustine** now represents **Richard Rezac**. | via email

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NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio has appointed **Gonzalo Casals** as commissioner of the **Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**. | via email announcement

The **NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME)** has awarded \$2 million were to 94 recipients of the **NYC Women's Fund for Media, Music and Theatre**. | [NYFA](#)

**Lori Starr**, executive director of the **Contemporary Jewish Museum (CJM)** in San Francisco, will step down. | [Artforum](#)

The **Mississippi Museum of Art** has appointed **Ryan N. Dennis** as chief curator and artistic director of its Center for Art & Public Exchange (CAPE) and **Holly R. Harrison** as deputy director for art and programs. | via email announcement

**Steven Nelson** has been appointed dean of the **National Gallery of Art's Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts (CASVA)**. | via email announcement



The **Aspen Art Museum** in Colorado has named **Nicola Lees** its new director. | [\*Artforum\*](#)

## **In Memoriam**

Jamey Gambrell (1954-2020), award-winning translator of Russian literature | [\*NYT\*](#)

J. Seward Johnson Jr. (1930-2020), artist of hyperrealistic sculptures | [\*NYT\*](#)

Nelson Leirner (1932-2020), Brazilian conceptual artist | [\*ArtReview\*](#)

Laurie Morgan (1926-2020), British jazz musician | [\*The Guardian\*](#)

Barbara Neely (1941-2020), activist and mystery novelist | [\*NYT\*](#)

Peregrine Pollen (1931-2020), New York auctioneer | [\*NYT\*](#)

Alan Turner (1943-2020), artist | [\*Artforum\*](#)

Max von Sydow (1929-2020), actor and *The Exorcist* star | [\*NYT\*](#)

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