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### ARTS COUNCIL OF LAKE OSWEGO OPENS NEW EXHIBITION IN NEW SPACE!

*Lake Oswego, Oregon* – The Arts Council of Lake Oswego is excited to open *Highlights*, an exhibition featuring the City of Lake Oswego’s permanent collection. This will be the first show in the new ARTspace Gallery, located at the Lake Oswego City Hall building - 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego. It will be on view from May 21 through August 20, 2021.

*Highlights* features carefully curated works from the over 240 pieces in the collection. It includes work from local and Northwest regional artists, and was built over nearly four decades by selection committees, an Art Commission (now the Public Art Committee), and the Arts Council of Lake Oswego. An impressive municipal assemblage, it boasts nationally recognized artists such as Carol Grigg, Carl Morris, Hans Schiebold, Leroy Setziol, Ken Shores, Bruce West, among many others. These renowned artists also have works in some of the country’s most prestigious collections, including the Portland Art Museum, the Seattle Art Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Smithsonian, and the Guggenheim Museum.

“Lake Oswego’s art collection is very eclectic, yet sophisticated, having various mediums represented and prominent Northwest artists included. While selecting works to highlight from the collection, I have enjoyed researching each of these artists and their art pieces with more detail to provide more insight on each artwork,” said Stephanie Johnson, Public Art and Program Manager. She added, “Bill Bailey, (long-time Arts Council supporter), shared with me his recollections of being on the very first selection committee when the library was built. The committee purposely selected emerging artists, but had an eye for talent and quality as many of these artists went on to be very well-respected in the art world.”

“A large part of managing an art collection is researching and building a historical archive on each artwork we have. It’s been fun finding news articles on past exhibitions artists have shown in, and reading quotes from them about their works in our collection,” Johnson stated.

*Highlights* will be the first exhibition in the new City Hall space. The Arts Council of Lake Oswego is taking all the precautions for a safe visit and will follow OHA guidelines. Masks will be required, along with capacity limits.

Visitors are welcome to view the exhibition Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 5 p.m. Visit [www.artscouncillo.org](http://www.artscouncillo.org) for more information and virtual programming associated with this exhibit.

The Arts Council of Lake Oswego is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and its mission is to ensure that the arts are an integral part of Lake Oswego.

**About the Arts Council of Lake Oswego:** The Arts Council of Lake Oswego works to ensure that the arts are an integral part of life in our community, now and into the future. The Arts Council moved into the new City Hall, located at 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. For more information visit [www.artscouncillo.org](http://www.artscouncillo.org) or call 503-675-3738.

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