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## **Twenty Courageous Women Speak Out Through Their Art at the Museum of TTU**

The Museum of Texas Tech University is pleased to present ***Women Only! In Their Studios***, a traveling exhibition curated by Eleanor Flomenhaft. The exhibition of 50 works is scheduled to open February 19 and run through April 16 in Gallery 1 of the Museum located at 3301 4<sup>th</sup> Street (SE corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Indiana Avenue), where ample free parking is available in the north and west lots. Handicap entry is at the east end of the main building next to the Moody Planetarium.

Contemporary women artists who have exhibited extensively in galleries and museums in the United States and worldwide deplore how little their work is recognized by the American public. This exhibition has the potential to acquaint a larger audience with many of our great women artists. It is an eclectic assemblage of paintings, photographs, sculpture, quilts, and videos by 20 women who broke through the “glass ceiling”—in fact shattered it—but incredibly who are not yet household names. Each artist is an innovator who added distinct marks along the path of modern art—from abstract expressionism to conceptualism and appropriationism, and everything in between. The viewer will also be invigorated by a rich modern American tapestry since the artists are culturally as diverse as the strands that make up the American melting pot: white, black, American Indian, Chicano, Chinese, Jews, and Christians. Their basic expressive means are as boldly distinctive as their cultures are different. Included are Jennifer Bartlett, Amalia Mesa-Bains, Camille Billops, Elizabeth Catlett, Linda Freeman, Ann Hamilton, Grace Hartigan, Jenny Holzer, Barbara Kruger, Elizabeth Murray, Howardena Pindell, Laurie Simmons, Faith Ringgold, Miriam Schapiro, Jaime Quick-To-See Smith, Joan Snyder, Pat Steir, Gail Tremblay, Jackie Winsor, and Flo Oy Wong.

According to curator Eleanor Flomenhaft:

*They [the artists] all share a relentless focus, with courage to embrace uncharted territory, and in vibrant autobiographical revelations we learn where they came from and where they got their near affliction to become artists, to live lives of great uncertainty battling against incredible odds.*

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*How were they nurtured and in many cases not nurtured? How have they foundered and overcome formidable obstacles? How did they establish goals and come into their own, and how did they create their major works? These artists must be doing something right and our interviews were about uncovering those truths. Their art and words have a cumulative effect. We learn what it took for them to succeed where so many failed, and what characteristics are central to all. Throughout, a question begs to be asked. What can we glean from these women of special mettle to make it in our own endeavors?*

*In addition to 50 works of art and photos of their studios, 20 faithful reflections by contemporary women artists provide first-person quotes to accompany this project. To our knowledge, there is no record like it and we believe it will prove important.*

The showing here in Lubbock is part of a seven city national tour over a two and a half year period containing approximately 50 art works featuring paintings, sculptures, and works on paper. The tour was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information or to request special assistance, please contact the Education Division at (806)742-2432, or email to [museum.education@ttu.edu](mailto:museum.education@ttu.edu). Stay current with Museum of TTU exhibitions and events at [www.museum.ttu.edu](http://www.museum.ttu.edu).

*“There’s something for everyone at the Museum.”*

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