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Hammer Museum receives \$200,000 grant from Ford Foundation Funds to support free public programs advancing social justice

(Los Angeles, CA)— The Hammer Museum at UCLA announced today a \$200,000 grant awarded by the [Ford Foundation](#) to support the roster of more than 300 free public programs it presents each year. Addressing a wide range of political, cultural, and civic topics, the Hammer’s programming aims to generate productive discussion and positive change beyond the walls of the museum. New support from the Ford Foundation will allow the museum to upgrade its technological infrastructure, archive and preserve past content, and expand the digital reach of these programs to the widest possible audience.

Landmark programs organized in 2017 have featured preeminent experts discussing pressing issues of national importance. A post-election community gathering in February called [“Show up, Dive in, Stay at it”](#) brought together civil rights advocates to speak about immigration, protest, women’s rights, and human rights in light of the new administration. Other recent programs have highlighted the [#SayHerName movement](#), [the future for DREAMers](#), and [tribal rights in the face of corporate development](#). The Hammer regularly livestreams these events online and has witnessed a 50% increase in views per program in the past year.

“We are incredibly proud and grateful to be partnering with the Ford Foundation,” Hammer Director **Ann Philbin** said. “While the Hammer’s exhibitions and artist projects have long captured national and international attention, we are eager now to share our equally impactful public programs with the wider audience they deserve. By investing in a critical pillar of our activities, Ford is giving us the ability to strengthen our infrastructure, share this important work more broadly, and realize the full potential of our public programs.”

“The Ford Foundation is honored to be supporting the Hammer Museum for the first time,” said **Darren Walker**, President of the Ford Foundation, “It is a remarkable institution that embodies core values of openness, transparency, and access in all of its work. This spirit is clearly seen in the Hammer’s commitment to creating public programming focused on issues of social justice. We are so pleased to provide support for this amazing asset that is free and open for the people of Los Angeles and the world.”

ABOUT THE HAMMER MUSEUM

The Hammer Museum at UCLA presents exhibitions and collections that span classic to contemporary art, and programs featuring the most innovative thinkers of our time. Through a wide-ranging, international exhibition program and the biennial, Made in L.A., the Hammer highlights contemporary art since the 1960s, especially the work of emerging and under recognized artists. A cultural center and a forum for the ideas of a public research university, the Hammer’s exhibitions, collections, and nearly 300 public programs annually—including film screenings, lectures, symposia, readings, music performances, and workshops for families—spark meaningful encounters with art and ideas and are all free to the public.

HAMMER MUSEUM INFORMATION

Admission to all exhibitions and programs at the Hammer Museum is free, made possible through the generosity of benefactors Erika J. Glazer and Brenda R. Potter. Hours: Tuesday–Friday 11 a.m.–8 p.m.,

Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Mondays and national holidays. Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Boulevard at Westwood, Los Angeles. Onsite parking \$6 (maximum 3 hours) or \$6 flat rate after 6 p.m. Visit hammer.ucla.edu for details or call 310-443-7000.

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