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Denver Art Museum Brings *Georgia O’Keeffe, Photographer*, First Exhibition Devoted to the Artist’s Photography, in 2022

Revelatory exhibition presents nearly 100 images of O’Keeffe’s photography alongside a selection of paintings and drawings by the iconic American artist

DENVER—Dec. 14, 2021—The Denver Art Museum (DAM) will bring a trove of newly identified photographs by groundbreaking artist Georgia O’Keeffe to Colorado in 2022 in an exhibition organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) with the collaboration of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe.

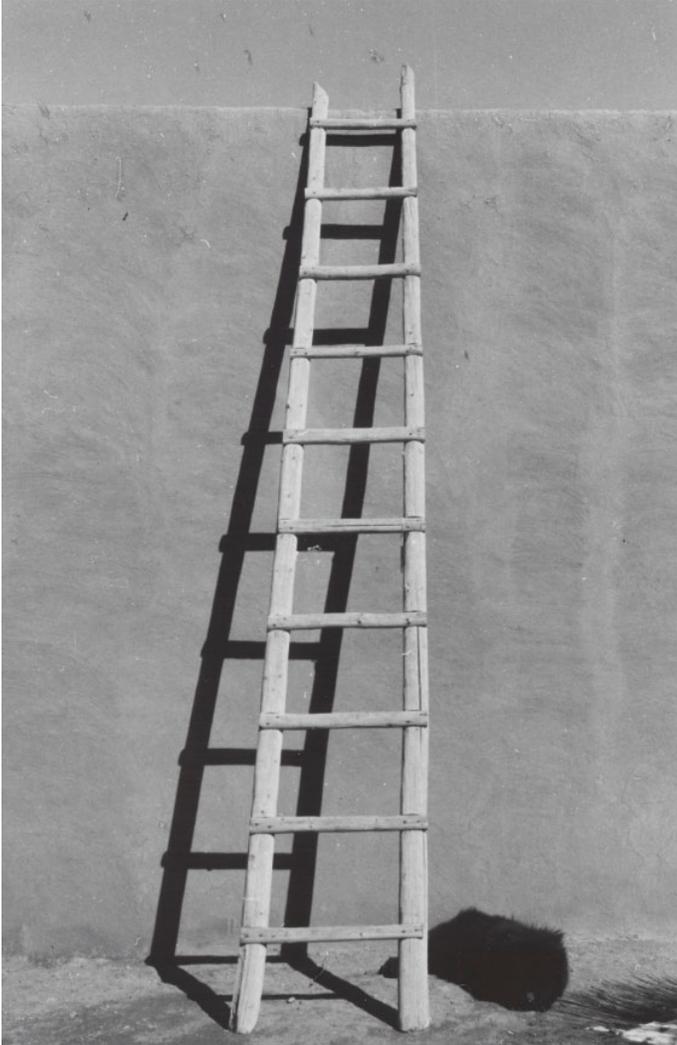
Georgia O’Keeffe, Photographer, reveals a new aspect of the Modernist artist’s career through nearly 100 photographs. This exhibition is the culmination of three years of research and analysis by Lisa Volpe, Associate Curator of Photography at MFAH. Volpe visited numerous collections to identify more than 400 images by O’Keeffe. The presentation will be on view at the DAM from July 3 through November 6, 2022, in the Hamilton Building’s Gallagher Family Gallery on level 1. The exhibition will be included in general admission, which is free for members and all visitors 18 and under every day, thanks to the Free for Kids program at the DAM, supported by Scott Reiman and BELLCO.

“Georgia O’Keeffe has been historically and globally recognized for her incredible depictions of flowers, stark landscapes of the American southwest and New York



skyscrapers, but less known for the fascinating photographic practice that she quietly and

consistently honed,” said Christoph Heinrich, Frederick and Jan Mayer Director of the DAM. “We are so pleased to offer an exhibition that enriches everyone’s understanding and appreciation of an iconic American artist.”



O’Keeffe (1887–1986) focused on her mastery of painting for decades, but also was very fond of expressing her unique perspective through other mediums, such as photography. Her creative identity and singular artistry were well established by the time she focused on photography in the mid-1950s, showing the artist’s ongoing fascination with the cycles and transformations of nature.

The exhibition is organized by the key tenets of O’Keeffe’s photography — reframing, the rendering of light and seasonal change —

revealing the ways she used photography as part of her unique and encompassing artistic vision.

“Georgia O’Keeffe and her artistry have inspired volumes of scholarly analysis, exhibitions and portraiture,” said Eric Paddock, Curator of Photography at the DAM. “This exhibition from MFAH finally sheds light on her work as a photographer. O’Keeffe explored the world with a camera to refine and clarify her vision as a painter. These photographs provide startling insight into her work.”



Exhibition Support

Georgia O’Keeffe, Photographer is organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, with the collaboration of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe. Support for the Denver Art Museum exhibition is provided by the donors to the Annual Fund Leadership Campaign and the residents who support the Scientific and Cultural

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Planning Your Visit

The most up-to-date information on planning a visit to the Denver Art Museum can be found online under the "Visit" tab. This page includes details on where to park, public transit options and access information.

As a thank you to the voters who support the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), the museum continues to offer discounted general admission to Colorado residents, with \$13 tickets for residents and \$18 for non-residents. General admission for museum members is free every day. Youth ages 18 and under, regardless of residency, are free thanks to the museum's Free for Kids program. Free for Kids includes free admission for school and youth group visits. Click "Programs" at www.denverartmuseum.org for details.

COVID-19 Protocols

The safety of visitors and staff remains a top priority, and the museum is continually updating its COVID-19 safety and security protocols based on advice from the CDC and federal and local guidelines. Current protocols can be found in the "Visit" section of the museum's website: <https://www.denverartmuseum.org/en/plan-your-visit>.

About the Denver Art Museum

The Denver Art Museum is an educational, nonprofit resource that sparks creative thinking and expression through transformative experiences with art. Its mission is to enrich lives by sparking creative thinking and expression. Its holdings reflect the city and region—and provide invaluable ways for the community to learn about cultures from around the world. Metro residents support the Scientific

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Image 2:

Georgia O'Keeffe, *Ladder Against Studio Wall with Black Chow (Bo-Bo)*, 1959–60, gelatin silver print, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe. © Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

Image 3: Todd Webb, *Georgia O'Keeffe with Camera*, 1959, printed later. Inkjet print. Todd Webb Archive. ©Todd Webb Archive, Portland, Maine, USA.

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