

The Smithsonian Associates "Four Pivotal American Women Artists" June 20-23, 2022 Dr. Nancy G. Heller

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### LOUISE NEVELSON

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### RELEVANT NAMES, TERMS, & CONCEPTS:

Linda Nochlin (scholar), Wilhelmina Holladay (collector, arts patron), Linda Lee Alter (artist, collector, and philanthropist)—important pioneers in supporting women artists. National Museum of Women in the Arts (Washington, DC; established in 1987) The Guerrilla Girls, anonymous group of NYC-based artists (dressed in gorilla outfits) who have been collecting and disseminating facts about women artists since 1985 Impressionism The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (established in 1905, in Philadelphia); first public art museum and art school in the U.S. "Antique" class (drawing from plaster casts of ancient Greco-Roman sculptures) "life drawing" (drawing from live, nude models) Le Salon (in Paris, for centuries, a prestigious annual, juried, art exhibition) Edgar Degas (French Impressionist painter; good friend and mentor to Cassatt) "The New Woman" Lydia Cassatt (Mary's sister; the two were very close) "The Male Gaze" (images of women, made by—and for—male viewers) Paul Durand-Ruel (19th-century Parisian gallerist; promoted Impressionists) pastels (drawing/painting medium: sticks of colored, compressed chalk) Louisine Havemeyer (Cassatt's friend; an important art collector) Adelyn Breeskin (scholar, known for her extensive work on Cassatt) The Art Students League (influential NYC institution, founded in 1875; O'Keeffe and Nevelson went there as young women) Arthur Wesley Dow (American artist; influential for O'Keeffe) Anita Pollitzer (an artist, and O'Keeffe's college friend) Alfred Stieglitz (pioneering photographer/editor/gallerist; married to O'Keeffe [1924-1946]) <u>"291</u>" (Stieglitz's first art gallery, located at 291 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, NYC) Camera Work (Stieglitz's journal about photography), published 1903-1917 Judy Chicago, created The Dinner Party (1979, Brooklyn Museum) highlighting women's history Abiquiú, New Mexico (O'Keeffe's longtime home) Doris Bry (O'Keeffe's assistant, 1946-1973) Juan Hamilton (ceramicist, and O'Keeffe's assistant, from 1973 to her death) Women's Caucus for Art (established in 1972; a nonprofit that supports women artists, art historians, educators, students, and museum professionals)

Charles Nevelson (husband to Louise [1920-1941] and father of Myron [Mike] Nevelson [1922-

2019])

<u>"found" objects</u> (used by Nevelson + Picasso, Rauschenberg, Arman, etc.)

Marcel Duchamp (credited with idea of using "found" objects to make art)

monochrome (one color)

Some other artists who follow Nevelson's lead, in using discarded or "unimportant" materials:

Mi-Kyoung Lee, Chakaia Booker, El Anatsui, Jessica Stockholder

self-portraits

Robert Longo (artist, and Cindy Sherman's longtime friend)

Albright-Knox Gallery (Buffalo, NY)

Hallwalls (alternative" exhibition space at SUNY, Buffalo)

<u>Artists Space</u> (avant-garde NYC exhibition space where Sherman worked as a receptionist) <u>The Pictures Generation</u>

<u>The Kitchen</u> (avant-garde NYC space for the arts; site of Sherman's 1<sup>st</sup> solo exhibit, in 1980) Metro Pictures (Sherman's NY gallery, 1980-2021)

Michel Auder (French filmmaker; married to Sherman, 1984-1999)

<u>"Mr. Frieda"</u> (Sherman's pet macaw)

Some other artists influenced by Sherman's work: Ryan Trecartin, Laura Hofstadter, Yasumasa Morimura, Jaimie Warren, Beverly Thomas, Vik Muniz

### PRINCIPAL ARTWORKS DISCUSSED

(in the order in which they were presented):

### CASSATT—

Lydia in a Loge, with a Pearl Necklace, 1879, Philadelphia Museum of Art Little Girl in a Blue Armchair, 1878, National Gallery of Art (WDC) Baby's First Caress, 1891, pastels, private collection The Bath, 1891, etching (various collections)

# O'KEEFFE—

*Blue Lines*, 1916, watercolor, Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC) *Calla Lilies on Pink*, 1928, Philadelphia Museum of Art *Radiator Building, Night, New York*, 1927, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art *Summer Days*, 1936, Whitney Museum of American Art (NYC)

### NEVELSON-

Big Black, 1963, Museum of Modern Art (NYC) Cascade, 1964, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Dawn's Wedding Feast, 1959 (various parts of it are now in different collections) Royal Tide, Dawn, 1960, Museu Coleção Berardo, Lisbon, Portugal Atmosphere and Environment XII, 1970, Philadelphia Museum of Art (outside west door)

### SHERMAN--

Untitled Film Still #48, 1979 {nicknamed The Hitchhiker)

Since all her other photographs are untitled and numbered, it makes more sense to list Sherman's principal series: *Clowns, Centerfolds, Disasters and Fairy Tales, Sex Pictures,* [Art] *History Portraits, Matrons/Society Portraits, Androgynous Figures, Instagram "self-portraits."* 

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Mary Cassatt: An American Impressionist" (t.v. movie, 1999) directed by Richard Mozer; starring Amy Brenneman.

"Georgia O'Keeffe" (documentary film, 1977), directed by Perry Miller Adato. From "The Originals: Women in Art" series; later, part of "American Masters."

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum (Santa Fe, NM; founded in 1997).

"Louise Nevelson: Awareness in the Fourth Dimension" (documentary film, 2008), directed by Dale Schierholt.

"Cindy Sherman" (documentary video, "Transformation" segment of *art21*, season 5, 2009 (see <u>https://art21.org</u>).

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