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Every Woman Artist Exhibited at the Jewish Museum, 1947–2019

For International Women’s Day, we updated our master list of every woman artist exhibited at the Jewish Museum since 1947.



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“If there are no great, celebrated women artists, that’s because the powers that be have not been celebrating them, but not because they are not there.”

— Joan Semmel

Joan Semmel with her painting “Sunlight” 1978 on view in Scenes from the Collection at the Jewish Museum.
Photo: Sara Wass

Today is International Women’s Day, celebrated around the world as a day to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and artistic achievement of women. In 2010, the Jewish Museum presented *Shifting the Gaze: Painting and Feminism*, an exhibition exploring the origins and impact of feminism on contemporary painting from the 1960s to early 2000s, featuring key figures in feminist art such as Eva Hesse, Joan Semmel, Deborah Kass, and Miriam Schapiro, whose work generated new ideas and challenged old ones. *Shifting the Gaze* offered a counterpoint to an art world dominated by men to encompass women’s history, experience, and material culture.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Jewish Museum published a comprehensive record of all women artists included in exhibitions at the Museum since 1947, when the Museum moved to its current location inside the Warburg Mansion on 1109 Fifth Avenue. The project considered the pervasive underrepresentation of women artists in American museums during the twentieth century and documents the Jewish Museum’s history of integrating work by women into its collections and exhibitions.

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, we revisited the original list of 550 women artists and expanded it into the year 2019 — now including 701.

Celebrate International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month by sharing your 5 favorite artists with #5WomenArtists on social media.