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New Museum Announces dream hampton as 2024 Stuart Regen Visionary

Joined in Conversation by Rashida Bumbray and
Jon Gray on March 4, 2024 at 6:30pm



New York, NY (January 17, 2024)—The New Museum today announced that filmmaker, producer, and writer **dream hampton** will be featured as its 2024 Visionary. The Stuart Regen Visionaries Series is an annual program at the New Museum honoring individuals who have made major contributions to art and culture and who are actively imagining a better future. hampton, who has previously collaborated with the New Museum on IdeasCity Detroit (2016), Athens (2016), and New Orleans (2019), will be joined in conversation by curator and choreographer **Rashida Bumbray** and culinary entrepreneur **Jon Gray** on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. EST in the New Museum Theater. Examining the intersections of their practices across diverse media, their conversation will explore what arts and culture can and should offer broader society.

dream hampton is an award-winning filmmaker and writer from Detroit whose essays and cultural criticism have helped shape a generation. Her most recent works include the award-winning short film *Freshwater* (NYT OpDocs/PBS, 2023) and *Ladies First* (Netflix, 2023). Selected works include *Treasure* (Frameline, 2015), *Finding Justice* (BET, 2019), *It's A Hard Truth Ain't It* (HBO, 2019), and the Emmy-nominated *Surviving R. Kelly* (Netflix, 2019), which broke ratings records and earned her a Peabody Award. In 2019, hampton was named one of *TIME* 100's most influential people in the world.

Rashida Bumbray is a curator and choreographer. In 2022, she organized *Loophole of Retreat: Venice*, as part of Simone Leigh's American Pavilion Exhibition at the 59th Venice Biennale. Bumbray was Director of Culture & Art at the Open Society Foundations (2015-2022), Guest Curator at Creative Time (2012-2014), Associate Curator at the Kitchen (2006-2012), and Curatorial Assistant and Exhibition Coordinator at the Studio Museum in Harlem (2001-2006).

Jon Gray is the co-founder of Ghetto Gastro, a Bronx-based culinary collective that blends food, fashion, and activism. He aims to change social narratives through culinary experiences and unique storytelling. Gray has given a TED Talk, served as an Artist-in-Residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and was a guest curator at the Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum.

"The Stuart Regen Visionaries Series is a signature component of the New Museum's public programs, which aim to connect the public with artists and thinkers creating timely and essential work across disciplines," said Lisa Phillips, *Toby Devan Lewis* Director of the New Museum. "dream hampton has been an incredible partner to the Museum since our first IdeasCity collaboration in 2016, and we are thrilled to welcome her back as a Visionary joined by two outstanding interlocutors for an electrifying conversation."

Previous Visionaries include playwright **Jeremy O. Harris** an artist **Arthur Jafa** (2021); author **Claudia Rankine** and theorist **Judith Butler** (2020); writer **Rachel Kushner** (2018, in conversation with novelist Ben Lerner); explorer **Erling Kagge** (2017); essayist and critic **Fran Lebowitz** (2016, in conversation with filmmaker Martin Scorsese); critic and author **Hilton Als** (2015); director, screenwriter, and producer **Darren Aronofsky** (2014, in conversation with novelist and critic Lynne Tillman); writer, director, and producer **Matthew Weiner** (2013, in conversation with writer A.M. Homes); artist and architect **Maya Lin** (2012); chef, author, and activist **Alice Waters** (2011); founder of Wikipedia **Jimmy Wales** (2010); and choreographer **Bill T. Jones** (2009), whose talk inaugurated this signature program.

For tickets and more information, please visit newmuseum.org/events.

To request a press ticket, please contact press@newmuseum.org. Priority will be given to media on assignment due to the limited capacity in the Theater.

SUPPORT

The Visionaries Series at the New Museum honors special individuals who have made major contributions to art and culture and are actively imagining a better future. The series is made

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ABOUT NEW MUSEUM

The New Museum is the only museum in New York City exclusively devoted to contemporary art. Founded in 1977, the New Museum is a center for exhibitions, information, and documentation about living artists from around the world. From its beginnings as a one-room office on Hudson Street to the inauguration of its first freestanding building on the Bowery designed by SANAA in 2007, the New Museum continues to be a place of experimentation and a hub of new art and new ideas.

Image: dream hampton. Photo: Erik Howard