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A Sense of Place, Kiki and Seton Smith

The Village pays tribute to two outstanding native daughters

October 30-December 9, 2016
Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey

Opening reception: Sunday, October 30, 1-4pm

Artists' Conversation moderated by Lynne Tillman:
Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm, Jubilee Hall, Seton Hall University

A Sense of Place, an exhibition featuring the work of artists Kiki and Seton Smith, opens at Seton Hall University's Walsh Gallery in South Orange, New Jersey on October 30. This tribute exhibition with accompanying catalogue honors these two distinguished artists who were raised in South Orange. The opening reception and a town tribute takes place on Sunday, October 30, 1-4 pm; the exhibition will continue through December 9, 2016. An Artists' Conversation moderated by Lynne Tillman, will take place at Jubilee Hall, SHU, on Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm.

This project acknowledges and shares the major impact of the work by the two sisters, Kiki and Seton. In considering their formative influences while positioning their practices in the present, we honor these distinguished artists who grew up immersed in an environment of art and culture by their famous father, sculptor Tony Smith and opera singer mother, Jane Smith.

The exhibition and Artists Conversation will explore the question "How does place irrevocably impact our sense of self?" Kiki Smith's drawings and prints look to the natural world to understand the relationship between place and identity on a symbolic level. Seton's large-scale photographs look to the built environment to convey associations by moving within and navigating through space. Viewed in this context, each negotiates the complex psychological and emotional terrain in understanding the self and the manner in which place becomes a defining characteristic of identity. The narrative impulse of the exhibition and the conversation becomes a catalyst for thought on connection between our human condition and the places we travel through.

A Sense of Place is a collaborative project of the Lennie Pierro Memorial Arts Foundation and Seton Hall University's Walsh Gallery. In the spirit of The Foundation's mission of mentorship, a town wide outreach with the public school district, the Pierro Gallery and other arts organizations will invite the community to submit a digital image on the theme of place and identity titled *My Sense of Place*, to be displayed in pop-up and virtual galleries. Further information about this community arts project will be available in September.

In addition, the Village of South Orange Village will acknowledge the important contribution of the artists and welcome them back to their home town with a proclamation at the reception October 30th.

All events are free and open to the public. Seton Hall University is located at 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ. This project has been partially funded by the NJSCA through the Essex County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Village of South Orange, Seton Hall University, and LPMAF through private donations.

For further information, go to www.pierrofoundation.org, the Walsh Gallery at <http://library.shu.edu/walshgallery/exhibitions> or call 973-275-2033; or contact LPMAF at mail@pierrofoundation.org. You can also “like” LPMAF on Facebook for updated information on the events.