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## **Jewish Museum Milwaukee Presents New Exhibit “Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse”**

*Jewish Museum Milwaukee invites visitors to explore how female artists, using textiles as their medium, challenge social expectations by infusing this soft medium with social and political awareness.*

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (Aug. 23, 2023) – Jewish Museum Milwaukee is proud to announce its upcoming contemporary art exhibit, *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse*, set to run from September 8 to December 31, 2023. This thought-provoking collection explores the intersection of textile and fiber art with contemporary issues affecting women, challenging preconceived notions of these mediums and inviting viewers to engage with powerful works of social and political commentary.

*Women Pulling at the Threads* derives its inspiration from the gendered history of textile and fiber art, traditionally considered "women's work." Historically, these techniques were utilized for creating utilitarian household items, often dismissing the artistic potential of these mediums. This exhibit aims to subvert such perceptions by demonstrating the capacity of textile and fiber art to convey potent messages about contemporary social and political concerns.

Along with the exhibit, Jewish Museum Milwaukee will provide valuable context through educational and community programs. These programs will foster meaningful discussions on subjects such as the current political landscape, social issues, civil rights history, immigration and other topics explored in the exhibit.

The collection, developed in collaboration with Contemporary Art Modern Project (CAMP), features selected pieces from previous editions of *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse* mounted in Florida and Connecticut and new Midwest works. It showcases the artistry of national and local artists who are at the forefront of social discourse, making it a must-see for anyone interested in the intersection of art and activism.

Museum admission will be FREE during two free community days on Monday, November 6, and Sunday, December 3. Special Members-Only hours will be held Sunday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A suite of programs further explores the themes of the exhibit including:

- *Opening Preview of Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse* | Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.
- *Yes, the Personal is Political* | Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.
- *Book Talk - Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights* | Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.
- *Women in Waiting: Challenges, Delays and Resistance of Women at the Border* | Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
- *I'll Have What She's Having: The Jewish Deli - Day Trip* | Thursday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- *Find Your Voice – Tapestry and Text Fiber Art Workshop* | Sunday, October 29, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- *Catastrophe Made in America* | Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
- *Suffragette Black Friday BOGO* | Friday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- *Christmas Day Cinema + Coloring Workshop* | Monday, December 24, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This exhibit, *Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse*, is one of the many informational exhibits displayed by Jewish Museum Milwaukee. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit <https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/>.

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#### **About Jewish Museum Milwaukee**

The Jewish Museum Milwaukee is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the Jewish people in Wisconsin and celebrating the continuum of Jewish heritage and culture. The history of American Jews is rooted in thousands of years of searching for freedom and equality. We are committed to sharing this story and the life lessons it brings with it, so that we may enhance the public's awareness and appreciation of Jewish life and culture.