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Winston Tseng, *International Superhero* series, 2009, giclée print on archival museum rag paper

MY HERO! EXHIBITION, SUMMER CAMPS

COMING TO THE PEARL FINCHER MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

JUNE 1 – AUGUST 17

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is delighted to announce its Summer 2019 exhibition: *My Hero! Contemporary Art & Superhero Action*, as well as its *Heroes & Villains* themed summer art camps.

With more than 130 pieces, *My Hero!* is a “POW-erful” exhibition for all ages that is being presented exclusively at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts this summer, for Houston-area residents to enjoy. The exhibition explores what it means to be a superhero and celebrates the possibilities when you have a magic cape, lasso, or superhuman power. This intriguing

collection features work by contemporary artists from around the world, in a variety of media including sculpture, printmaking, and photography.

My Hero! at the Pearl opens to the public at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Special previews will be held for Patron museum members on Friday evening, May 31, and all members on Saturday morning, June 1. Visit www.pearl.mfa.org for information on becoming a member.

“Superheroes appeal to people of all ages,” said Ani Boyajian, director of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. “*My Hero!* will be fun for children and families, but it also offers unique twists for teens, adults and seniors to enjoy.”

The exhibition includes a series of photographs by Dulce Pinzón of Brooklyn, NY, depicting the lives of immigrants as society’s superheroes, such as an image of Catwoman working as a nanny, and Superman delivering pizzas on his trusty bike. Several artists ponder what happens to superheroes when they get older, and San Francisco artist Lizabeth Eva Rossof created a 6’ 7” tall, 420-pound statue of Batman as a historic Terracotta Warrior.

Fans will recognize their favorite superheroes in the exhibition, including Superman, Spider-Man, Batman, Robin, Captain America, Wonder Woman, Supergirl, Catwoman, Hulk, Iron Man and more—in “out-of-the-box” new and interesting ways.

My Hero! will be featured in the Main Gallery and Rebecca Cole Gallery of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts from June 1 through August 17. The exhibition is made possible in part through generous gifts from The Hamill Foundation and Houston Federal Credit Union.

Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated and help continue the Pearl’s mission of art, education, and community.



My Hero! Contemporary Art & Superhero Action was organized by Carrie Lederer, Curator of Exhibitions, Bedford Gallery, Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA.

Summer Art Camp: Heroes & Villains

Joining in the excitement of this year’s *My Hero!* exhibition, the Pearl’s Summer 2019 Art Camps will feature a theme of *Heroes & Villains*.

Junior camps are available for ages 8 to 12, and senior camps for ages 13 to 18. Camps are one week long and meet for three hours each day. Over the course of a week, students will develop their very own superhero—or antihero—and design everything for their character, including logo, color scheme, costume, and vehicle. Summer Art Camps begin June 10 and conclude on July 26. To learn more and register, visit www.pearlmfa.org.

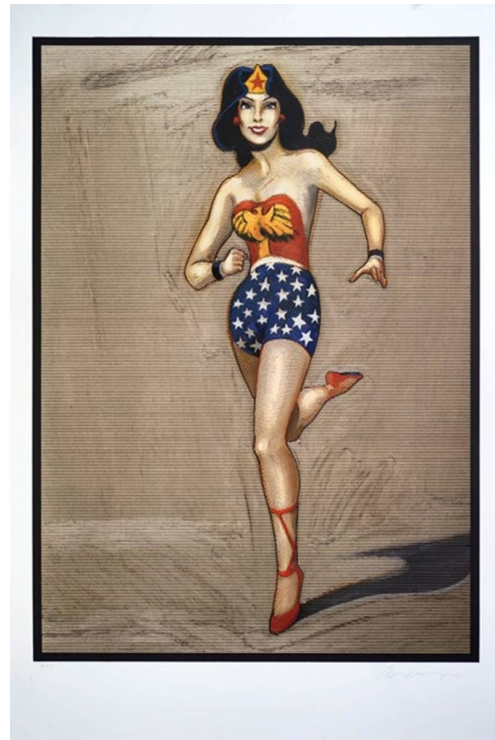
About the Pearl

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts exists to provide direct, first-hand access to original works of art, and to offer outstanding educational and public programming. As the only Fine Arts museum in Harris County outside the city center of Houston, the Pearl operates completely through the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations, and is free to all.

For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call (281) 376-6322.



Cheong-ah Hwang, *Captain America*, 2010, paper relief



Mel Ramos, *Wonder Woman*, 2014, woodcut print, Courtesy Magnolia Editions, Oakland, CA



Dulce Pinzón, *Superman* from *The Real Story of the Superheroes* series, 2005-10, photograph