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**Anderson Ranch Arts Center Celebrates its 60th Anniversary with
Record-Breaking Ranch Gala and Live Auction,
Raising More Than \$1.6 Million for Artist Scholarships and Programming**

**Marilyn Minter recognized as the Anderson Ranch Arts Center 2026
International Artist Honoree**



Left: View of the Anderson Ranch Arts Center Ranch Gala and Live Auction 2026. Right: Marilyn Minter, Anderson Ranch Arts Center's 2026 International Artist Honoree, photos by Tamara Susa, courtesy of Anderson Ranch Arts Center.

SNOWMASS, Colo. – On Wednesday, July 15, 2026, Anderson Ranch Arts Center welcomed more than 200 notable guests from the art, design and cultural worlds, who flocked to Snowmass in support of its annual Ranch Gala and Live Auction. The Live Auction and Gala ticket sales together raised a record \$1.6 million to advance Anderson Ranch's mission to support emerging artists through scholarship aid and providing access to exceptional faculty, programming, studios and resources.

At the gala, **Marilyn Minter** was given the Ranch's 2026 International Artist Award, celebrating Minter's fearless experimentation and technical mastery across painting, photography and film. Minter has continually challenged conventional ideas of beauty, power, gender and representation, demonstrating how art can be both exquisitely crafted and deeply transformative. Her impact extends equally to education, where she has inspired generations of artists to take risks, question assumptions and expand the possibilities of creative expression.

The evening was hosted by Gala Co-chairs **Sue Hostetler, Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn** and **Robin Loewenberg Tebbe**, with support from Live Auction Committee members **Barbara Berger, Ashlee Harrison, Evan Snyderman** and **Kelly Woods**. Together, their leadership

helped drive a record-breaking evening of generosity in support of Anderson Ranch's programs.

Led by auctioneer **Michael Macaulay**, the Live Auction celebrated exceptional contributions to contemporary art and the creative spirit at the heart of Anderson Ranch. The 2026 auction featured works generously donated by **McArthur Binion, James Casebere, Ingrid Donat, Chantal Joffe, Marilyn Minter, Maynard Monrow, Jessica Rankin, Richard Rezac, Davina Semo, Claudia Wieser, Wu Chi-Tsung** and **Jeff Zimmerman**, with proceeds supporting the Ranch's scholarship initiatives and year-round artistic programming.

"The extraordinary generosity of our artists, donors, collectors, and community tonight is an investment in the future of creativity. Every dollar raised expands scholarship opportunities for emerging artists, ensuring that Anderson Ranch remains a place where talent is nurtured, ideas flourish, and artists from around the world have access to exceptional faculty, studios, and resources," said **Peter Waanders**, President and CEO of Anderson Ranch Arts Center.

Notable guests who joined Waanders and the Ranch's Vice President of Artistic Affairs and Artistic Director of Photography and New Media **Andrea Jenkins Wallace** and Artistic Director of Painting, Drawing and Printmaking and Director of the Artists-in-Residence Program **Elizabeth Ferrill** included gallerists and art dealers **Marianne Boesky; Carla Camacho** of Lehmann Maupin; **Richard Edwards** of Baldwin Gallery; **Sarah Gavlak, Jessica Silverman, Evan Snyderman** of R&Co; **Alison Ward** of Skarstedt Gallery; and artist **Maynard Monrow**; curator, author and museum director **Lisa Phillips**; Aspen Art Museum Artistic Director and CEO **Nicola Lees**; Christie's Deputy Chairman **Capera Ryan**; Chair of the Board of Trustees, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago **Bill and Karyn Silverstein**; and patrons, philanthropists and collectors **Domenico and Eleanore De Sole, Gail and Alfred Engelberg, Sherry and Joe Felson, Martha and Richard Finger, Michelle and Perry Griffith, Barbara and Jon Lee, Melony and Adam Lewis, Donna and Jim Pohlada, Leigh and Reggie Smith, Meredith Bluhm Wolf and William Wolf.**



L to R: Marilyn Minter, *Commission*, 2026. Dye Sublimation Print, 60" x 45" in (unframed), 152.4 x 114.3 cm (unframed), courtesy of

the artist and Salon 94; Chantal Joffe, *Es and Louis in Venice*, 2025, Oil on canvas 27.5" x 19.75" in, 70 x 50 cm, courtesy of the artist, Victoria Miro and Skarstedt Gallery

A standout moment came during a spirited bidding war for Minter's commissioned portrait. When two collectors reached a stalemate, Minter offered a commission to each if both committed, a generous gesture that helped the Ranch exceed its fundraising goals for the night.

The Ranch Gala serves as the signature fundraising event of Ranch Week, Anderson Ranch's annual celebration of art, community and creativity. The week began on July 13 with a screening of Minter's film *PRETTY/DIRTY* at Aspen's Isis Theatre, offering an intimate look at her influential career from the 1970s to the present. The screening was followed by a conversation featuring Minter, Producer **Sue Hostetler** and Director/Producer **Amanda Benchley**, as well as an audience Q&A. The following day, Ranch Week continued with the Summer Series talk between Marilyn Minter and Lisa Phillips, bringing the artist into conversation with the curator, author and museum director.

Ranch Week concludes this Saturday, July 18, 2026 with the annual **Ranch Picnic and Auction** featuring more than 130 works by leading contemporary artists and talented local creators. The event is free and open to the public. Visitors can register [HERE](#).

The Anderson Ranch Arts Center Ranch Gala is sponsored by UOVO.

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