

# April 2017 Cultural Events



Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

## Sebastião Salgado: "Kuwait"



For his second solo exhibition at Sundaram Tagore Chelsea, world-renowned photographer Sebastião Salgado presents a selection of stunning monochromatic photographs from his landmark series Kuwait. The artist will be in the gallery for the exhibition opening Thursday, March 30. Shot in 1991 as the Gulf War drew to a close, the images in this show chronicle the raging oil well fires ignited by Saddam Hussein's forces as they retreated from Kuwait. This exhibition of stunning photographs, curated by Lélia Wanick Salgado, lays bare the devastating environmental consequences of war. Considered one of the worst man-made environmental disasters in history, this event began when Saddam Hussein, recognizing the war was over, ordered his retreating military forces to ignite some 700 oil wells and a number of oil-filled low-lying areas in an attempt to destroy the region's most sought-after natural resource. It took nearly eight months and the Herculean efforts of firefighters from around the world to contain the towering infernos. As their efforts progressed, Sebastião Salgado, on assignment from The New York Times Magazine, traveled to Kuwait to document the disaster firsthand.

**Venue:** Sundaram Tagore Gallery

**Address:** 547 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10001

**Website:** <http://www.sundaramtagore.com/exhibitions/sebastiao-salgado6>

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

## "Lygia Pape: A Multitude of Forms"



Lygia Pape: A Multitude of Forms is the first monographic exhibition in the United States devoted to Brazilian artist Lygia Pape (1927–2004). A critical figure in the development of Brazilian modern art, Pape combined geometric abstraction with notions of body, time, and space in unique ways that radically transformed the nature of the art object in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Covering a prolific, unclassifiable career that spanned five decades, this exhibition will examine Pape's extraordinarily rich oeuvre as manifest across varied media—from sculpture, prints, and painting to installation, photography, performance, and film.

**Venue:** The Met Breuer

**Address:** 945 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

**Website:** <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2017/lygia-pape>

Through Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

## "Unfinished Conversations: New Work from the Collection"



Unfinished Conversations: New Work from the Collection brings together works by more than a dozen artists, made in the past decade and recently acquired by The Museum of Modern Art. The artists that make up this intergenerational selection address current anxiety and unrest around the world and offer critical reflections on our present moment. The exhibition considers the intertwining themes of social protest, the effect of history on the formation of identity, and how art juxtaposes fact and fiction. From Cairo to St. Petersburg, from The Hague to Recife, the artists in the exhibition observe and interpret acts of state violence and the resistance and activism they provoke. They reexamine historical moments, evoking images of the past and claiming their places within it. They take on contemporary struggles for power, intervening into debates about government surveillance and labor exploitation. Together, these artists look back to traditions both within and beyond the visual arts to imagine possibilities for an uncertain future. The title of this exhibition is inspired by John Akomfrah's three-channel video installation Unfinished Conversations includes works by John Akomfrah, Jonathas de Andrade, Anna Boghiguian, Andrea Bowers, Paul Chan, Simon Denny, Samuel Fosso, Iman Issa, Kim Beom, Erik van Lieshout, Cameron Rowland, Wolfgang Tillmans, Adrián Villar Rojas, Kara Walker, and Lynette Yiadom-Boakye.

**Venue:** MoMA

**Address:** 11 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019

**Website:** <https://www.moma.org/calendar/exhibitions/3651?locale=en/>

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