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LEGENDARY PATTI SMITH RETURNS TO SELBY GARDENS WITH NEW PERFORMANCE
“An Encore with Patti Smith Dedicated to Georgia O’Keeffe”
Scheduled for February 15, 2024

January 3, 2024 | Sarasota, FL. – Global icon and Artist in Residence at Selby Gardens, Patti Smith returns with a special encore performance at the Downtown Sarasota campus on **February 15, 2024**, at **7:00 p.m.**

The one-hour performance, ***An Encore with Patti Smith Dedicated to Georgia O’Keeffe***, commemorates Selby Gardens’ eighth iteration of the 2024 Jean and Alfred Goldstein Exhibition, ***Yayoi Kusama: A Letter to Georgia O’Keeffe***, on view February 11 through June 30, 2024.

Advance tickets for Selby Gardens Members will go on sale Thursday, January 18. The remaining tickets will go on sale to the general public on Friday, January 19, and can be purchased at selby.org

This is Smith’s fourth visit to Selby Gardens. Her visits have combined public activities such as readings and performances with private time drawing creative inspiration from the organization’s two bayfront campuses and world-renowned collections. In addition, Smith’s iconic voice will also be heard at the soon-to-open Welcome Center, a key element of Selby Gardens’ Master Plan, where she narrates a visitor orientation video in the new Theater. Phase One of Selby Gardens’ transformational downtown campus opens to the public on January 11, 2024.

Jennifer Rominiecki, president and CEO of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens stated, “We are honored to have Artist in Residence Patti Smith return to Selby Gardens for a fourth visit. Her performances have been inspiring, magical, and in demand. This is a testament to the profound and vivid artistry Patti’s performances bring to Selby Gardens, which resonates with our organization on many levels as we continue to develop interdisciplinary programming.”

Smith’s blossoming relationship with Selby Gardens stems from the Gardens’ 2022 Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition, ***Robert Mapplethorpe and Patti Smith: Flowers, Poetry, and Light***. The show explored Mapplethorpe’s flower photography and Smith’s lyrics and poetry about flowers and nature, in dialogue with original horticultural installations inspired by their art.

Smith first visited Selby Gardens in February 2022 to tour *Flowers, Poetry, and Light* and perform songs and readings she selected to complement the exhibition. She called the interdisciplinary show “a beguiling exhibition” and said she “was very moved to be asked to be a part of it.” Smith returned in April 2022 for a second live performance, at which the new residency was announced. In November of 2023, Smith returned with *An Evening with Patti Smith Dedicated to Georgia O’Keeffe*, as a prelude to the Jean & Alfred Goldstein Exhibition, *Yayoi Kusama: A Letter to Georgia O’Keeffe*.

Smith’s visits and performances to date have been sponsored by Selby Gardens Trustee Marianne McComb and her husband, William.

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About Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens provides 45 acres of bayfront sanctuaries connecting people with air plants of the world, native nature, and our regional history. Established by forward-thinking women of their time, Selby Gardens comprises the 15-acre Downtown Sarasota campus and the 30-acre Historic Spanish Point campus in the Osprey area of Sarasota County, Florida. The Downtown Sarasota campus on Sarasota Bay is the only botanical garden in the world dedicated to the display and study of epiphytic orchids, bromeliads, gesneriads and ferns, and other tropical plants. There is a significant focus on botany, horticulture, education, historical preservation, and the environment. The Historic Spanish Point campus is located less than 10 miles south along Little Sarasota Bay. One of the largest preserves showcasing native Florida plants that is interpreted for and open to the public, it celebrates an archaeological record that encompasses approximately 5,000 years of Florida history. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is a Smithsonian Affiliate and is also accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. For more information visit www.selby.org.