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Catherine Wagner: Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive 2023 Art & Film Benefit"

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BAMPFA Art & Film Benefit honorees Cauleen Smith, left, and Catherine Wagner.

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The new Central Subway features works of art created to depict the stories of S.F.'s neighborhoods.

The Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive plans to honor two acclaimed Bay Area artists at the institution's second annual Art & Film Benefit. Filmmaker and interdisciplinary artist Cauleen Smith, well-known for her Oakland-set film "Drylongso," will be paid tribute along with photo artist [Catherine Wagner](#), whose new installation "Arc Cycle" made its debut at the new Moscone Station on the [San Francisco Central Subway](#) line in the fall of 2022. Both artists have been acclaimed internationally and are well known for their work, which often engages with themes and subject matter with strong Bay Area connections.

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The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner and special performances. Guests will also be able to view exhibitions including "[Amalia Mesa-Bains: Archaeology of Memory](#)," the Buddhist art survey "[Endless Knot](#)" and Luis Camnitzer's Bay Area Art Wall series commission.

Proceeds from the night benefit BAMPFA's exhibitions, programming and education initiatives.

Smith's film "Drylongso" will screen at BAMPFA the following day.

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