

LACMA's 14th Annual Art+Film Gala Honors Mary Corse and Ryan Coogler and Raises Nearly \$6.5 Million, a New Record for the Event

Nearly 600 Guests Attended the Event, Co-chaired by Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, with a Performance by Doja Cat



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(Los Angeles, CA—November 2, 2025) The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) hosted its 14th annual Art+Film Gala on November 1, 2025, welcoming nearly 600 notable guests from the worlds of art, film, fashion, and entertainment to honor artist Mary Corse and filmmaker Ryan Coogler, and featuring a special performance by Doja Cat. Co-chaired by LACMA trustee Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, this year's gala raised nearly \$6.5 million—a new record for the event—to support LACMA's efforts to make film more central to its curatorial programming, as well as the museum's broader mission. The 2025 Art+Film Gala was made possible by Gucci, which has partnered with LACMA as presenting sponsor of the event since its inception in 2011.

“Mary Corse and Ryan Coogler have each forged a singular path in their fields, showing us the power of visual experimentation and exquisitely crafted storytelling to shift our perspectives,” said Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. “It was wonderful to recognize their achievements together with so many other artists and creators, who always make this a truly unique event. We owe that to

the dedication of our co-chairs Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio and I'm so grateful for their leadership and support."

"It's always an honor to host such an incredible group of people to celebrate art and film at LACMA," said gala co-chair Eva Chow. "I was moved by the warm tributes to our honorees and their powerful work, and Doja Cat's mesmerizing performance was the perfect way to end the evening. I give my deepest thanks to Demna and the entire team at Gucci for their continued generosity in making the Art+Film Gala a major success, year after year."

Proceeds from the evening support LACMA's film initiatives and future exhibitions, acquisitions, and programming.

Guests arriving at the gala took photos in front of Chris Burden's *Urban Light* (2008) on Wilshire Boulevard. Following a cocktail reception on the Smidt Welcome Plaza, guests moved into the Art+Film pavilion overlooking Michael Heizer's *Levitated Mass* (2012) for a dinner by Executive Chef David Shim of Michelin-starred COTE Korean Steakhouse, in collaboration with Restaurant Associates.

After a welcome from Michael Govan and Eva Chow, 2015 Art+Film Gala honoree James Turrell spoke in tribute to Mary Corse, then introduced a short film about the artist directed by Alysa Nahmias titled *Mary Corse: Let Everything In*.

"It's such an honor to be working with this museum, which really supports artists who have a new way of seeing," said Corse.

Angela Bassett then presented a tribute to Ryan Coogler, followed by highlights from Coogler's filmography.

"I think art is one of the things that makes us human," Coogler said. "So it's incredibly important in helping people perform the practice of empathy—empathizing with other situations and other points of view."

After dinner, Cynthia Erivo invited guests back outside where SZA introduced musical guest Doja Cat. The pop provocateur's set, with the David Geffen Galleries as the beautiful backdrop, featured hits from her new album *Vie* including "Cards" and "All Mine."

Notable figures from the art world and the Los Angeles community attending the 2025 Art+Film Gala included 2023 Art+Film Gala honoree Judy Baca, 2017 Art+Film Gala honoree Mark Bradford, West Hollywood Councilmember John Erickson, Honor Fraser, Charles Gaines, Ann Goldstein, Todd Gray, Lauren Halsey, Amy Homma, L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Alex Israel, Congresswoman

Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Shio Kusaka, Emma McIntyre, L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Jarl Mohn, Youssef Nabil, 2018 Art+Film Gala honoree Catherine Opie, Marion Peck, Paul Pfeiffer, Calida Rawles, Harmonia Rosales, Sonya Roth, Zoë Ryan, Mark Ryden, 2019 Art+Film Gala honoree Betye Saar, Director of LA County Dept of Arts and Culture Kristen Sakoda, Kenny Scharf, Tavares Strachan, Walter Timoshuk, 2015 Art+Film Gala honoree James Turrell, Emma Webster, Christopher Williams, Jonas Wood, and L.A. City Councilmember Katy Yaroslovasky.

In addition to Eva Chow, LACMA trustees attending the event included Vice Chairs Willow Bay and Bobby Kotick, Allison Berg, Thelma Golden, Mellody Hobson, David Kaplan, Lyn Lear, Richard Merkin, Dominic Ng, Rich Paul, Carter Reum, Eric Smidt, Wendy Stark Morrissey, Maggie Tsai, Casey Wasserman, Gillian Wynn, and Jeff Yabuki.

Guests from the fashion, entertainment, and business worlds at this year's event included Angela Bassett, Beck, Quinta Brunson, Vittoria Ceretti, John M. Chu, Kerry Condon, Alex Consani, Cindy Crawford, Louis D'Esposito, Zoey Deutch, Ava DuVernay, Joel Edgerton, Hannah Einbinder, Paloma Elsesser, Cynthia Erivo, Elle Fanning, Kevin Feige, Kaia Gerber, Ariana Greenblatt, Salma Hayek Pinault, Kathryn Hahn, Laura Harrier, Dustin Hoffman, Charlie Hunnam, Damson Idris, Steve Lacy, Inez van Lamsweerde, Donna Langley, Queen Latifah, Lee Byung-hun, Miky Lee, Lorde, Billie Lourd, Demi Lovato, Lisa Love, 2017 Art+Film Gala honoree George Lucas, Justine Lupe, Alton Mason, Vinoodh Matadin, Cristin Milioti, Demi Moore, Nettspend, Edward Norton, Finneas O'Connell, Sev Ohanian, Kwame Onwuachi, Ashley Park, 2022 Art+Film Gala honoree Park Chan-wook, Chris Perfetti, Kim Petras, Edgar Ramirez, Gaia Repossi, Emma Roberts, Shauna Robertson, Troye Sivan, Benito Skinner, Claudia Sulewski, Tessa Thompson, Kerry Washington, Samara Weaving, Gus Wenner, Kristen Wiig, Tallulah Willis, and Yoshiki.

Wearing Gucci to the 2025 Art+Film Gala were honorees Mary Corse and Ryan Coogler, Art+Film Gala co-chairs Eva Chow and Leonardo DiCaprio, musical guest Doja Cat, Gucci Artistic Director Demna, Gucci CEO Francesca Bellettini, Adela, Odessa A'Zion, Madeline Argy, Angela Bassett, Delilah Belle, Devon Lee Carlson, Vittoria Ceretti, Asia Chow, Nadia Lee Cohen, Alex Consani, Cindy Crawford, Dixie D'Amelio, Paloma Elsesser, Elle Fanning, Sabine Getty, Michael Govan, Kaia Gerber, Salma Hayek Pinault, Laura Harrier, Paris Hilton, Davika Hoorne, Charlie Hunnam, Steve Lacy, Iris Law, Lee Byung-hun, Lisa Love, Alton Mason, Bruna Marquezine, Demi Moore, Edward Norton, Finneas O'Connell, Kim Petras, Angela Reynolds, Shauna Robertson, Rina Sawayama, Claudia Sulewski, Tessa Thompson, Gus Wenner, and Tallulah Willis.

Wines by JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery. Signature cocktails provided by KHEE Premium Soju. Spirits by Tequila Don Julio. Additional beverages by FIJI Water and POM Wonderful.

2025 Art+Film Gala Honorees

About Mary Corse

A key member of the Los Angeles artist community from the 1960s to the present, Mary Corse is often associated with the Light and Space movement but has always been committed to painting. She has continually investigated the ways in which light can be both subject and material as well as emphasizing the abstract nature of human perception. Corse graduated from Chouinard in Los Angeles in 1968 and since that time has had many exhibitions of her work. Recent exhibitions include *Mary Corse: A Survey in Light*, which was presented at the Whitney Museum of American Art and LACMA in 2018 and 2019, respectively. The artist's work can be found in the permanent collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Dia Art Foundation, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; Centre Pompidou, Paris; the Long Museum, Shanghai; and Amorepacific Museum, Seoul; among other institutions.

About Ryan Coogler

Ryan Coogler is a writer, director and producer. Coogler wrote, directed and produced with Zinzi Coogler and Sev Ohanian the supernatural period film *Sinners*, which was released in March 2025 starring Michael B. Jordan. Coogler's three-time Academy Award® winner *Black Panther* became the most successful domestic release of 2018. Coogler wrote and directed the Academy Award-winning hit sequel *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*, released in November 2022. Coogler's other directed films include *Creed* and his acclaimed debut *Fruitvale Station*. His co-founded production company Proximity Media has produced *Space Jam: A New Legacy*, the Academy Award winning *Judas and the Black Messiah* and the box office success *Creed III*, among various other projects.

2025 Art+Film Performer

About Doja Cat

GRAMMY award-winning global superstar Doja Cat began her music journey at just 16, uploading her first tracks to SoundCloud in 2013. She recently released her fifth studio album, *Vie*, an adventurous project that pays homage to the '70s, '80s, and '90s—all infused with her signature modern twist. Known for her bold creativity and dynamic performances, she has headlined major festivals and award shows, earning numerous accolades including one GRAMMY, five AMAs, and five Billboard Music Awards. With over 36 billion worldwide streams, Doja Cat continues to redefine global pop stardom with her boundary-pushing artistry and undeniable impact on music and culture, solidifying her place as one of the most influential voices of her generation.

About LACMA: Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of more than 150,000 objects that illuminate 6,000 years of artistic expression across the globe. Committed to showcasing a multitude of art histories, LACMA exhibits and interprets works of art from new and unexpected points of view that are informed by the region's rich cultural heritage and diverse population. LACMA's spirit of experimentation is reflected in its work with artists, technologists, and thought leaders as well as in its regional, national, and global partnerships to share collections and programs, create pioneering initiatives, and engage new audiences.

Location: 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036. lacma.org

Image caption: (Left to right) LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director Michael Govan, Gucci CEO Francesca Bellettini, Zinzi Coogler, 2025 Art+Film Gala Honoree Ryan Coogler, 2025 Art+Film Gala Honoree Mary Corse, LACMA trustee and Art+Film Gala Co-Chair Eva Chow, and Gucci Artistic Director Demna, photo by Stefanie Keenan/GettyImages for LACMA

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