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Katonah Museum of Art welcomes special Warhol loan

The Katonah Museum of Art has announced the addition of a special loan of Andy Warhol's "The Last Supper," 1986.

This painting from the Portalakis Collection complements the current exhibition "Jonathan Becker: Lost Time." Warhol's portrait is a highlight among Becker's stunning photographic portraits of subjects across contemporary culture.

Created in 1986, just a year before the artist's death, "The Last Supper" is a variant of Warhol's series based on Leonardo da Vinci's famed "Last Supper" mural. The work, the museum said, is reinterpreted through Warhol's distinctive pop art lens and explores themes of fame, memory, and transcendence — motifs shared with Becker's photography of Warhol.

Becker's intimate portraits of Warhol, featured in "Jonathan Becker: Lost Time"



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document the iconic artist's enduring impact on art and culture. Through his lens, Becker captures Warhol's enigmatic persona, offering a glimpse into the life of the man who revolutionized visual art in the 20th century. When paired, Warhol's "The Last Supper" and Becker's photographs together create a powerful dialogue, drawing attention to their shared fascination with the surfaces of life and the hidden depths that lie beneath.

"We are thrilled to have this special opportunity to share Warhol's 'The Last Supper' with the KMA community," said Michelle Yun Mapplethorpe, executive director of the Katonah Museum of Art. "Both Becker and Warhol were deeply interested in the fleeting yet impactful nature of celebrity and culture, and this pairing of their works offers viewers a unique reflection on these themes."

The painting is on loan courtesy of the Portalakis Collection. It will be on display for the duration of the Becker exhibition, on view through Jan. 26, 2025. The exhibition provides a comprehensive look at Becker's illustrious career, featuring a selection of his photographs that spans five decades of work, from portraits of cultural icons to deeply personal moments.

For more information, visit katonahmuseum.org. The Katonah Museum of Art is located at 134 Jay St., Katonah.



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