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Over/Under: Woven Craft at Mingei Opens November 4 at Mingei International Museum

Exhibition Dates: November 4, 2023 - March 3, 2024

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San Diego, California – September 12, 2023 – Mingei International Museum presents, <u>Over/Under:</u> <u>Woven Craft at Mingei</u>, an exhibition that showcases woven works from the Museum's permanent collection. Curated by Mingei's Director of Exhibitions and Chief Curator, Emily G. Hanna, **Over/Under** invites visitors to explore the diverse techniques and cultural significance behind woven objects.

Woven crafts have been part of the human experience since our earliest beginnings. In some cultures, the skill of weaving is tied to a mythical teacher, such as a spider weaving its web. Woven objects continue to be made around the world as objects of use, and also as works of art to be contemplated for their beauty and technical mastery.

"Woven crafts hold a unique place in human culture, intertwining beauty and functionality seamlessly," said Director of Exhibitions and Chief Curator, Emily G. Hanna. "*Over/Under* not only celebrates the creative brilliance that emerges from weaving but also delves into the stories woven into the works, making this exhibition an immersive experience."

Over/Under: Woven Craft at Mingei brings together over 75 works including textiles, basketry, garments, hats, toys and jewelry. Among the objects featured are Filipino giant fish traps, a meticulously crafted Japanese silkworm basket, traditional woven rain boots and Egyptian pictorial textiles. Highlighting the local art community, the exhibition also features the works of Kumeyaay artist Eva Salazar and San Diego-based weaver Sarah Winston.

Additionally, a major component of the exhibition will be a mural created by Brazilian-American multidisciplinary artist Yomar Augusto, who lives and works in San Diego. His paintings are a mesmerizing ode to woven forms, inviting visitors to step into a world where artistry and weaving interlace seamlessly. Visitors can watch Augusto create his mural from Tuesday, October 24 through Friday, October 27, giving a behind-the-scenes look at his creative process.

<u>Over/Under</u> will also include interactive experiences. There will be a weaving activity thoughtfully installed within the gallery space, inviting visitors to actively engage with the art form. By participating in this hands-on weaving activity, visitors can forge a personal connection with the art on view and spark their own creativity.



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ABOUT MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

Located in San Diego's Balboa Park, Mingei International Museum collects, preserves and exhibits folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. Within a newly reopened facility that includes an education center, theater, shop, restaurant and plenty of free, accessible public space, the Museum offers inspiring exhibitions and diverse community and educational programs to more than 100,000 visitors a year. As the presenter of San Diego Design Week and a partner to over 50 local artists and art and cultural organizations, Mingei puts celebrating creativity at the core of its mission through workshops, film festivals, lectures and more. Mingei is a nonprofit institution funded by admission, individuals, and institutional support.

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