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A SURREAL FANTASY AT SAM

Harrisburg, PA –A new exhibition of large-scale paintings by Pennsylvania native Inka Essenhigh will be on view in the Susquehanna Art Museum’s Main Gallery October 12, 2019 – January 19, 2020. *Other Worlds: Inka Essenhigh* will dazzle viewers with richly colored distorted fables peopled with archetypes, sprites, and anthropomorphized nature. The exhibition is opening to museum members with a special preview on Friday, October 11 from 5:00 – 7:00pm. An artist talk and gallery tour with Essenhigh will be offered Sunday, November 17 at 3:00pm.

This collection of Essenhigh’s work will come to the Susquehanna Art Museum via the Miles McEnery Gallery, NYC. It will feature two brand new paintings that will be exhibited for the first time here in Harrisburg. Essenhigh’s paintings breathe and undulate with life as oceans become sea monster and trees becomes goddess. The imagery is imbued with a sense of a collective unconscious and mischievous narrative that makes its way into each landscape, building, and figure. As she describes it, her mythologies strive for “the feeling of an inner vision” captured during the witching twilight hours.

Inka Essenhigh (b. 1969 in Bellefonte, PA) received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1992 from Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, OH, and her Master of Fine Arts degree in 1994 from the School of Visual Arts in New York, NY. Essenhigh’s work has been exhibited in solo exhibitions at the Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN; Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA; Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, CO; Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York, NY; Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL; Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH; Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan; and Pace Prints, New York, NY.

Her work is included in the permanent collections of Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO; Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, FL; Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA; Tate Modern, London, England; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY.

This exhibition is made possible by the generous sponsorship of UPMC Pinnacle.

Susquehanna Art Museum, located at 1401 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with extended hours on Wednesdays til 7:00 pm. Sundays: 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Free parking is available to museum-goers in the lot immediately adjacent to the rear of the museum at Calder and James Streets.

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