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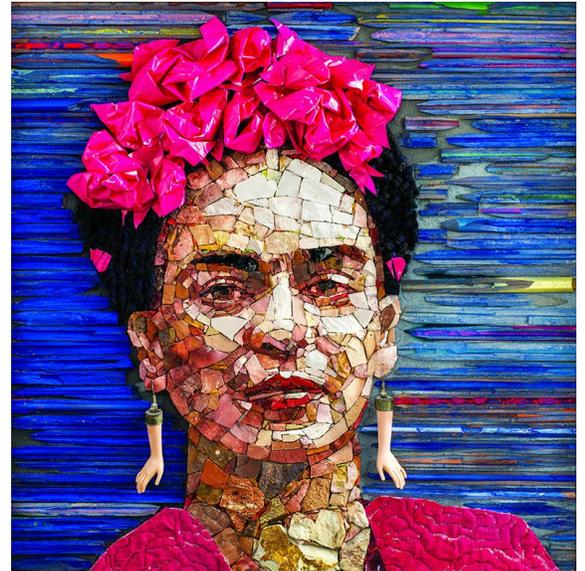
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**50 FACES**  
**Stunning Contemporary Mosaics From Italy**

Exhibit: September 21 - November 10, 2019

Opening Reception: September 21, 5pm-8pm

NOVATO, CA (July 2019) On September 21 the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art opens 50 FACES. A stunning exhibit of contemporary mosaic artwork from the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli in Italy, where talented young artists redefine the age-old tradition of mosaic art with innovative methods and materials. Presented in collaboration with Associazione Naonis and curator Guglielmo Zanette who explains: "50 FACES is a unique blend of art, technique, tradition and culture. It is an exquisite innovation in the contemporary art scene." These compelling artworks use a variety of media including bone, shells, metal and fiber, which are artfully combined with the traditional mosaic material of marble and smalto, to create an iconic set of celebrity portraits. Visitors will delight in the expressive personality and character captured in each of these gorgeous mosaic works.



On view in the exhibit are portraits of Northern California luminaries like Robin Williams, Carlos Santana, Sean Penn and Steve Jobs. There are icons of art, culture and music including Frida Kahlo, Yayoi Kusama, J.M. Basquiat and Jimi Hendrix. There are even celebrity super-heros like Angelina Jolie and Robert Downey Jr. The exhibit is on view September 21 through November 10, 2019, with an Opening Reception on Saturday, September 21, 5pm-8pm. **Exhibit Admission:** \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 70+ and students 18-21. Free for members.

Docent tours every Wednesday and Saturday from September 25 through November 9.

Image: "Frida Kahlo" by Annachiara Felcher

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About the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli: For centuries, following a time-honored tradition, knowledge and expertise have been handed down from the mosaic masters (the *magistri musivari*), to their young apprentices. The art of mosaics is a living example of creativity and vitality, and throughout history mosaics have stood as an iconic medium used to celebrate power, wealth and spirituality.

Located in the Friuli Region of Northeast Italy, The Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli opened in 1922, in the small town of Spilimbergo. It was founded with the aim of preserving, and continuing, the ancient art of mosaics. Since then new generations of mosaicists have developed new frontiers of excellence. Their outstanding craftsmanship can be admired around the world from Rome to Jerusalem, from Japan to the Ground Zero tribute in New York, and now at the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art in California.

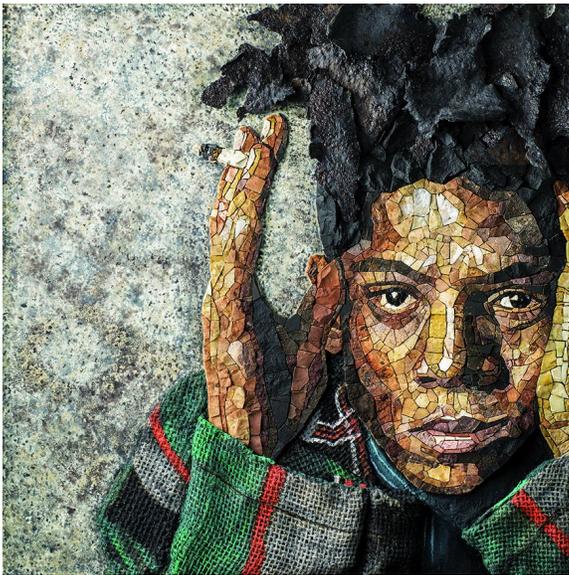


Image Above Left: J.M. Basquiat by Angelica Di Marco

Image Above Right: Iris Apfel by Sophia Lucchese

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