



The Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics Presents
40 FACES Collection - Chicago
May 8th – June 26th, 2020

The Gallery of Contemporary Mosaic's ***40 FACES Collection - Chicago*** exhibition opens **Friday, May 8th** at Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics (GoCM) located at 1127 W Granville Ave, from **7-9pm**.

40 FACES Collection - Chicago is a stunning exhibit of contemporary mosaic artwork from students of Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli, one of Italy's major centers for the age-old tradition of mosaic art. This collection features forty contemporary celebrity portraits, of icon such as Samuel L. Jackson, Sophia Loren and Leonardo De Caprio, all made with innovative methods and materials.

The Chicago Mosaic School Founder & Executive Director Karen Ami states: "We hope this exhibition inspires an appreciation for the timeless language mosaic art." 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.

This is a traveling exhibition that was previously on display at MarinMOCA in 2019.

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About GoCM

The Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics (GoCM) exhibits internationally renowned masters, emerging and established contemporary mosaic artists. GoCM promotes artists employing exemplary conceptual and technical excellence through a multitude of approaches and materials.

In the US, contemporary mosaics are relatively unrecognized as a fine art; GoCM provides a space for highly coveted artists to exhibit in our state of the art facility. GoCM is affiliated with The Chicago Mosaic School (CMS), the preeminent center for mosaic arts education in the Americas. The Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics will profoundly reshape how one may experience mosaics within and outside our walls.

About 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.

Today the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli is the most important international center for instruction in the art of mosaics, and its students come from all over the world (more than twenty nations are represented) to attend a formative project which has had the ability to rejuvenate and place mosaic in contemporary and modern perspective. It is an official school recognised by the Italian Government with the support of the European Union.

About Associazione Culturale Naonis

Founded in 1992, Naonis Cultural Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support and promotion of talented young artists working in Friuli Venezia Giulia, a Region in the North East of Italy.

Naonis, through the years, has achieved several acknowledgements and awards in the mosaic sector but also for its movie production.

40 Faces Chicago has been realized after four frantic, intense and extremely creative years of co-operation with young artists from different countries: Italy, France, Slovenia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Venezuela and South Korea. These precious mosaic works are characterized by a wide range of high-quality vitreous enamels, which are still produced in the antique furnaces of Venice and Murano by expert glass craftsmen in over 5,000 different colors. The Collection has been exhibited in Italy, Slovenia, Austria and California, constantly with a great appreciation from both the public and collectors.