



▲ Joe Bradley, *Good World*, 2025.

Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter

September 3, 2026-January 11, 2027

Eleanor Kirkpatrick Main Gallery

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Exhibition Information

Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center presents *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*, a major exhibition bringing together some of the most celebrated voices in contemporary painting today. Curated by internationally renowned artist and writer David Salle, the exhibition offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience an extraordinary dialogue between works by leading artists whose practices have shaped contemporary visual culture around the world.

Dynamic, thought provoking, and visually striking, the exhibition explores how paintings communicate across differences in style, gesture, and intention. Through works that range from bold and immediate to layered and contemplative, *Clever, Quick, Magnetic* reveals the surprising connections that emerge between artists and ideas, inviting visitors to consider how personality, instinct, and perception live within a painting.

More than an exhibition, this project positions Oklahoma Contemporary as a national center for ambitious contemporary art and cultural dialogue. The exhibition is expected to attract regional and national attention, drawing collectors, curators, artists, and audiences to Oklahoma City while creating meaningful opportunities for community engagement, education, and public programming.

This exhibition will be a landmark event that celebrates creativity, innovation, and artistic excellence. Through high visibility recognition, exclusive hospitality opportunities, and access to influential audiences, sponsorship offers a unique opportunity to support a nationally significant exhibition while demonstrating a commitment to arts and culture in Oklahoma and beyond.

Featured Artists

Ross Bleckner
Joe Bradley
Cecily Brown
John Currin
Alex Katz

Bennett Miller
Neo Rauch
David Salle
Julian Schnabel
Dana Schutz

Amy Sillman
Josh Smith
Henry Taylor
Charline von Heyl
James Welling

About the Curator

Curated by David Salle, a defining figure in postmodern painting whose work has been exhibited at institutions including the Whitney Museum of American Art, Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, and Guggenheim Museum Bilbao. Salle is also an acclaimed writer and critic, contributing to publications including *Artforum*, *The Paris Review*, *Esquire*, and *The New York Review of Books*. Through his curatorial vision, *Clever, Quick, Magnetic* invites audiences into a vibrant exploration of how contemporary painting thinks, moves, and speaks across generations and perspectives.



▲ Cecily Brown, *The Art of Witty Banter*, 2026.



Presenting Sponsor | \$100,000 | Exclusive

Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center invites you to take center stage as the Presenting Sponsor for *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*, a dynamic exhibition exploring how distinct paintings can engage in visual dialogue through wit, intention, and expressive energy. This premier sponsorship opportunity offers exceptional visibility, exclusive access, and high-profile recognition, positioning the Presenting Sponsor as a leading champion of contemporary art. With a prominent presence throughout the exhibition's run—alongside VIP experiences and comprehensive marketing exposure—your support will highlight the exhibition's exploration of artistic personality, spontaneity, and creative connection while demonstrating a meaningful investment in the cultural vitality of our community.

Benefits

- Recognition as the Presenting Sponsor on the gallery wall entrance, marketing materials, and other exhibition related publications for the full duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*, ensuring high visibility to all visitors
- Exclusive “Quick, Clever, Up Close” Private VIP evening where guests experience the exhibition in an intimate setting with guided tours and artist insights
- Exclusive invite for four (4) guests to the opening private dinner
- Ten (10) copies of exhibition publication, as well as sponsor recognition in the publication
- Featured recognition on the exhibition webpage, printed invitation for exclusive VIP opening and all exhibition-related press releases and marketing materials
- Dedicated VIP seating at the Opening Celebration, plus verbal recognition as the Presenting Sponsor during the Opening Celebration and ArtDesk Conversation
- Behind-the-scenes access to the installation process, including a special tour led by Oklahoma Contemporary's Executive Director and Director of Exhibitions
- Invitations to exclusive donor events and exhibition previews throughout the exhibition's run at Oklahoma Contemporary
- Contemporary Society Membership at the Legacy level (for individuals) or Corporate Council (for businesses), unlocking VIP access to programs, receptions, and exclusive networking opportunities
- High-Visibility Brand Placement:
 - Logo and brand listing on all print and digital exhibition related materials
 - Prominent recognition on all exhibition-related social media campaigns reaching Oklahoma Contemporary's extensive audience
 - Inclusion in targeted email marketing and community outreach campaigns sent to over 15,000 subscribers, amplifying your brand's reach



▲ Amy Sillman, *She/They*, 2021. © Amy Sillman. Courtesy of the artist and David Zwirner. Photo: David Regen.



Leadership Sponsor | \$50,000 | Exclusive

This exhibition highlights how the relationship between intention and style becomes visible through the act of making. By considering how artists arrive at their decisions, viewers gain insight into the creative process and discover how seemingly unrelated works can reveal deeper connections. As the Leadership Sponsor, your support underscores the exhibition's exploration of artistic energy, expressive individuality, and the compelling forces that draw audiences into meaningful engagement with contemporary painting.

Benefits

- Recognition as the Leadership Sponsor on the gallery wall entrance, marketing materials, and other exhibition related publications for the full duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*, ensuring high visibility to all visitors
- Exclusive "Quick, Clever, Up Close" Private VIP evening where guests experience the exhibition in an intimate setting with guided tours and artist insights
- Exclusive invite for two (2) guests to the opening private dinner
- Eight (8) copies of exhibition publication, as well as sponsor recognition in the publication
- Featured recognition on the exhibition webpage, printed invitation for exclusive VIP opening and all exhibition-related press releases and marketing materials
- Dedicated VIP seating at the Opening Celebration, plus verbal recognition as the Leadership Sponsor during the Opening Celebration and ArtDesk Conversation
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▲ Rosa Loy, *Speicher*, 2024.



Visionary Sponsor | \$30,000 | Exclusive

Ignite curiosity and foster creative thinking as the Visionary Sponsor for *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*. This exclusive sponsorship supports hands-on learning opportunities, interactive experiences, and thought-provoking discussions that encourage students, educators, and community members to explore how artists balance intention, spontaneity, and personal expression.

Through close-looking activities and participatory engagement, audiences are invited to consider how paintings communicate, how artistic decisions shape meaning, and how seemingly distinct works can form compelling visual dialogues. As a champion of arts education, your support helps cultivate curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking while providing high-profile recognition and distinctive engagement opportunities throughout the exhibition's run.

Benefits

- Recognition as sponsor for hands-on educational initiatives inspired by *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter*, such as interactive close-looking activities, conversation-based workshops, and artist- or curator-led talks exploring intention, style, and visual dialogue
- Acknowledgment in education materials and programming, with opportunities for direct engagement with students and educators
- Exclusive invite for two (2) guests to the opening private dinner
- Six (6) copies of exhibition publication, as well as sponsor recognition in the publication
- Featured recognition on the exhibition webpage, printed invitation for exclusive VIP opening and all exhibition-related press releases and marketing materials
- Dedicated VIP seating at the Opening Celebration, plus verbal recognition as the Visionary Sponsor during the Opening Celebration and ArtDesk Conversation
- Invitations to exclusive donor events and exhibition previews throughout the exhibition's run at Oklahoma Contemporary
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▲ Josh Smith, *How to Stop Time*, 2025.



Additional Sponsorship Tiers

Become a vital part of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic: The Art of Witty Banter* by supporting this dynamic exhibition through one of the additional, exclusive sponsorship opportunities below. Your generous contribution will help bring together a compelling range of contemporary paintings while expanding opportunities for community engagement, close-looking experiences, and meaningful dialogue.

Each sponsorship level offers distinctive recognition and benefits, providing a thoughtful way to connect with audiences and demonstrate your commitment to creativity and arts access in our community. Explore the opportunities below and join us in supporting an exhibition that highlights artistic personality, curiosity, and the powerful connections that emerge through contemporary painting.

Patron Sponsor | \$20,000

- Recognition as Patron Sponsor on gallery wall for duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic*
- Four (4) copies of exhibition publication, as well as sponsor recognition in the publication
- Recognition on exhibition webpage, printed invitation and reserved VIP seating at Opening Celebration
- Contemporary Society Membership at Patron level (for individuals) or Corporate Council (for companies), which includes a variety of great benefits (full listing available upon request)

Benefactor Sponsor | \$10,000

- Recognition as Benefactor Sponsor on gallery wall for duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic*
- Two (2) copies of exhibition publication, as well as sponsor recognition in the publication
- Recognition on exhibition webpage, printed invitation and reserved VIP seating at Opening Celebration
- Contemporary Society Membership at Benefactor level (for individuals) or Corporate Council (for companies), which includes a variety of great benefits (full listing available upon request)

Supporter Sponsor | \$5,000

- Recognition as Supporter Sponsor on gallery wall for duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic*, as well as in exhibition publication
- Recognition on digital donor boards, exhibition webpage and invitation for Opening Celebration

Partner Sponsor | \$2,500

- Recognition as Partner Sponsor on gallery wall for duration of *Clever, Quick, Magnetic*, as well as in exhibition publication
- Recognition on digital donor boards, exhibition webpage and invitation for Opening Celebration

Friend Sponsor | \$1,000

- Recognition on digital donor boards and exhibition webpage



▲ Tamo Jugeli, *Yumeji's Theme*, 2026.

For more information or to confirm your sponsorship, contact **Rowdy Gilbert** at rgilbert@okcontemp.org or 580-210-935.



▲ Charline Von Heyl, *Don't Think It Hasn't Been Lovely Because It Hasn't Been (Bugs Bunny)*, 2020.