

## Society of American Mosaic Artists

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The 18th Annual *Mosaic Arts International Exhibition Series (MAI)*, invigorates a new perspective of mosaic art in numerous contexts and celebrates established as well as emerging artists working in the medium today.

In collaboration with the **Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery**, SAMA is pleased to present Embodied, the 2019 Mosaic Arts International exhibition, surveying figurative works by five renowned mosaic artists working today: **Lilian Broca, Shug Jones, Michael Kruzich, Atsuko Laskaris, and Carol Shelkin**. The exhibition is part of the Mosaic Arts International 2019 exhibition series held in conjunction with this year's American Mosaic Summit, taking place in Nashville from April 23 through 28.

The contemporary mosaics on view aim to capture the personal histories, preserved memories, the emotional occurrences of everyday life. Through meticulous manipulations of glass, stone, and ceramic, these detailed works achieve a dynamic range of color, texture, and reflectivity. Their durable materials and methods do not stray far from those from antiquity. Neither do their stories: Scenes presented in Embodied share timeless themes of love and family, conflict and war, spirituality and society.

This exhibition is supported in part by the Society of American Mosaic Artists. Since 1999, SAMA has presented programs, publications, events and exhibitions that promote, educate and inspire excellence in mosaic arts. Mosaic Arts International is the longest running annual juried exhibition showcasing mosaic art in the world.

The American Mosaic Summit will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville from April 23 – 28, 2019, as well as the 2019 Mosaic Arts International Juried Fine Art Exhibition, on view at the Parthenon Museum, and the Mosaic Arts International Juried Architectural & Site-Specific Exhibition, on view at the Nashville Public Library, Main Branch Art Gallery through May 19, 2019. Find more information, as well as registration information, at <https://americanmosaics.org/nashville2019/registration/>



*Judith Seducing Holofernes, Lilian Broca*

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