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465 Women Artists Gathered Oct. 25 at National Museum of Women in the Arts for Historic Photo Shoot

Now Be Here #4, DC/MD/VA



Now Be Here #4, DC/MD/VA; Photo by Kim Johnson; Courtesy of Kim Schoenstadt, Linn Meyers and the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON—The National Museum of Women in the Arts ([NMWA](http://nmwa.org)) welcomed 465 women artists on Wednesday, Oct. 25, for a historic group photo. The artists—from D.C., Maryland and Virginia—formed the largest gathering of women artists ever organized for a photo in the region. Following the photograph, there was an artist resource fair and reception where artists were able to network.

In partnership with Los Angeles-based artist Kim Schoenstadt, who conceived of the project, and D.C.-based artist Linn Meyers, the photograph, titled *Now Be Here #4, DC/MD/VA*, was taken by D.C. photographer Kim Johnson. The *Now Be Here* project [website](#) will list each artist in attendance.

Schoenstadt began the *Now Be Here* project in the summer of 2016 to connect with community and demonstrate gender inequity in the art world. Previous *Now Be Here* gatherings have taken place in Los Angeles, New York City and Miami where, collectively, more than 2,000 women artists have participated.

Image

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National Museum of Women in the Arts

The National Museum of Women in the Arts ([NMWA](#)) is the only major museum in the world solely dedicated to championing women through the arts. With its collections, exhibitions, programs and online content, the museum seeks to inspire dynamic exchanges about art and ideas. NMWA advocates for better representation of women artists and serves as a vital center for thought leadership, community engagement and social change. NMWA addresses the gender imbalance in the presentation of art by bringing to light important women artists of the past while promoting great women artists working today. The collections highlight painting, sculpture, photography and video by artists including Louise Bourgeois, Mary Cassatt, Frida Kahlo, Shirin Neshat, Faith Ringgold, Pipilotti Rist and Élisabeth Louise Vigée-LeBrun.

NMWA is located at 1250 New York Avenue, NW, in Washington, D.C. It is open Mon.–Sat., 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sun., noon–5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for visitors 65 and over and students, and free for NMWA members and youth 18 and under. Admission is free the first Sunday of every month. For information, call 202-783-5000, visit [nmwa.org](#), Broad Strokes [Blog](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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