

# Museum celebrates Larry Bell at 80

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Subhankar Banerjee explains the impact of climate change to areas of Alaska tundra and the New Mexican high desert surrounding Taos. Banerjee's appearance at a special tour on Tuesday (Dec. 3) was in conjunction with an exhibition of his large environmental photographs titled 'Long Environmentalism,' which opens to the public Friday (Dec. 13) at the Harwood Museum of Art.

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The Harwood Museum of Art kicks off its winter season this weekend with a banquet of work from four featured New Mexico artists: Larry Bell, Subhankar Banerjee, Dean Pulver and Beatrice Mandelman. The exhibits will be on view beginning Friday (Dec. 13). However, the official public opening is Sunday (Dec. 15), when the museum at 238 Ledoux Street will be open free of charge from noon until 5 p.m.

## Larry Bell: Cubic Propositions -- Joyce and Sherman Scott Gallery

This centerpiece of the Harwood's winter offerings originated as a birthday tribute to Bell, who celebrated his 80th on Friday (Dec. 6). "Cubic Propositions" highlights the artist's ongoing investigation of the cube form, as it has evolved over 60 years of his studio work. Bell is known for his surface treatment of glass and explorations of light, reflection and shadow. He was recognized early on as a rising star of the Los Angeles art scene, and still maintains a California studio, but has called Taos home since 1972.

This special birthday exhibition includes the first cube Bell made in 1959, and the very latest cube produced in the studio just weeks ago.

"Larry is our neighbor and, of course, a friend of the Harwood for a long time," Harwood Director Juniper Manley said. "I love this show. They're mostly smaller scale pieces, but his play with light is evident. You see your own reflection as well as the shapes created as you walk around it. So many times artists don't get recognized in their lifetimes, but Larry has really come into international recognition now and it's great to see him succeed in that way. This show has been an effort from his studio and close friends, a very personal exhibition for Larry as a neighbor and friend."

**Special announcement**

As an additional commemoration of his eight decades, the Harwood announces the Larry Bell Fund for Excellence in Contemporary Art, which has recently been created with an anonymous gift to the Harwood. The fund will allow the museum to pursue initiatives related to exemplary contemporary artists. All are invited to make gifts to the fund in Bell's honor by calling the museum at (575) 758-9826, ext.116.

These exhibits will be on view through April 26, 2020. For more information, call (575) 758-9826.