

# SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

## AT THE MARTY AND TOM PHILLIPS FAMILY ART CENTER

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### **SAM EXPLORES THE LEGACY OF ABSTRACT ART**

**Harrisburg, PA** - *Shifting Forms: 5 Decades of Abstraction*, Susquehanna Art Museum's upcoming exhibition, traces radical shifts made by abstract artists over the last 50 years. Since the early 20th century, abstraction has been an essential component of modern art. Rather than relying on recognizable subject matter, abstract art pulls away from realism and embraces shape, form, color, and line as foundational and emotive elements.

Though the abstract art movement is thought to have reached its peak sometime in the mid-20th century with the rise of Abstract Expressionism, artists persist in developing new forms of abstraction to the present day. The artists featured in this exhibition employ innovative approaches to mark making and the experimental use of fine art and everyday materials that expand the language and legacy of abstraction.

*Shifting Forms: 5 Decades of Abstraction* will be on view in the Susquehanna Art Museum's Beverlee and Bill Lehr Gallery from September 30, 2023 – January 21, 2024. The exhibition is supported locally by Presenting Sponsor: UPMC [Life Changing Medicine] and Season Sponsor: The Anne M. and Phillip H. Glatfelter III Foundation. Additional educational funding comes from The Patricia L. Murray Fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.



*Helen Frankenthaler, Aspens, 1991, acrylic on canvas  
Collection of Marty and Tom Phillips*

Find more information [SusquehannaArtMuseum.org/calendar/shifting-forms](https://SusquehannaArtMuseum.org/calendar/shifting-forms)

Susquehanna Art Museum is located at 1401 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Thursday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

Free parking is available to visitors in the lot behind the Museum at Calder and James Streets.

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