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***Once Upon a Time: Narrative in Art,* A Conversation with Artists Rachel Feinstein and Lisa Yuskavage, Filmmaker Tamara Jenkins, and Jewish Museum Curator Kelly Taxter Now Available**

Jewish Museum

New York, NY, May 6, 2020--On the evening of Thursday, March 12, 2020, Kelly Taxter, the Jewish Museum's Barnett and Annalee Newman Curator of Contemporary Art, hosted a discussion with artists Rachel Feinstein and Lisa Yuskavage and filmmaker Tamara Jenkins, who all contributed to the catalogue for the Jewish Museum exhibition *Rachel Feinstein: Maiden, Mother, Crone*. Their conversation was held without an audience and recorded shortly before New York City directed residents to quarantine due to COVID-19. Video of the conversation is available [HERE](#).

The group focused their attention on the uses and pitfalls of storytelling and autobiography in their work and, in particular, how gender and the expectations placed on women both motivate and complicate their respective practices. Questions and debates were raised around the validity and need for fantasy while fake news and assaults on facticity have eroded civic life; the problematics of identity-based art making; the early stages of cancel culture; the potential for failures and weaknesses to have positive outcomes; and the power of shame.

The exhibition [*Rachel Feinstein: Maiden, Mother, Crone*](#) features three decades of Feinstein's work in sculpture, painting, and video, as well as a panoramic wallpaper, a major new commission, and the artist's maquettes for sculpture. The exhibition opened on November 1, 2019. [Click here for a video of the artist talking about the exhibition](#).

The Mildred and George Weissman Program is endowed by Paul, Ellen, and Dan Weissman in honor of their parents.

About the Jewish Museum

Located on New York City's famed Museum Mile, the Jewish Museum is a distinctive hub for art and Jewish culture for people of all backgrounds. Founded in 1904, the Museum was the first institution of its kind in the United States and is one of the oldest Jewish museums in the world. Devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, the Museum offers diverse exhibitions and programs, and maintains a unique collection of nearly 30,000 works of art, ceremonial objects, and media reflecting the global Jewish experience over more than 4,000 years. Visit TheJewishMuseum.org for more information.

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