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Museum offering virtual tour

RACINE — Since the beginning of the global pandemic, the Racine Art Museum has been expanding its virtual programming to provide would-be museum visitors an opportunity to engage virtually with art from the comfort of their home.

The latest virtual tour features the museum's current exhibition, "Collection Focus: Mara Superior," a retrospective of the work of the contemporary porcelain artist.

In her work, Superior "blends past and present day concerns, notions of Americana and personal experience."

She works with "a singular aesthetic that feels reverent yet unique," museum officials said, "building narratives that unfold through images, words and form."

This virtual visit of the museum galleries debuts at



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"Americana: A Collection of Blue Salt-glazed Stoneware" by Mara Superior is available as a virtual museum tour, starting 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 9.

12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, and features Bruce W. Pepich, RAM executive director and curator of collections, and Lena Vigna, RAM curator of exhibitions.

"Their candid, informative discussion about Superior's

work and inspiration offers a deeper understanding of the artist's creative journey," officials said.

This virtual can be watched on the RAM Facebook page. A Facebook account is not required to watch the video, but viewers with an account will be able to ask questions during the live premiere and receive responses from museum staff in real-time.

The tour will launch simultaneously on RAM's YouTube channel, and may also be watched at ramart.org.

The museum has also created a 20-page exhibition catalog with essays about the significance of Superior's work, an abridged interview between the artist and Pepich, and images of Superior's pieces in the museum's permanent collection. It is available for purchase online at racineartmuseumstore.org.

Spectrum show joins art with poetry