

SAQA Exploring Contemporary Art Special Interest Group

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 1:00 pm ET

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935542737>

Featured Artist: Sarah Sze

Sarah Sze (born 1969) is an American contemporary artist known for intricate installations, sculptures, and mixed-media works that combine everyday objects, images, video, and sound. Her art explores themes of time, memory, perception, and the overwhelming flow of information in modern life, often transforming ordinary materials into complex, immersive environments.

Artist selection and resources compiled by SAQA member Deborah Boschert.

Please Review Before the Meeting

To support a rich and engaging discussion, spend some time exploring the resources below. It should take about an hour to review these links.

- **Tate Museum (5:10)**
https://youtu.be/N41_nGc8RHU?si=UtMT05ZJ_t3OLVR
Sze discusses her work, Seamless
- **Art 21 Interview (7:31)**
<https://youtu.be/spvIkvIcWf8?si=-LFmniIZfex3ZnB2>
Sze reveals the thought processes and motivations behind "Timelapse," at New York's Guggenheim Museum
- **New Yorker magazine**
https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-art-world/sarah-szes-worlds-of-wonder-and-futility?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Review of Sze's exhibition, Timelapse, at the Guggenheim in 2023
- **Gagosian Gallery**
<https://gagosian.com/artists/sarah-sze/>
Click through images of several major works
- **New York Times Style Magazine**
https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/02/t-magazine/sarah-sze-gagosian.html?unlocked_article_code=1.rVA.mYIf.0Fo6oLcEmHtq&smid=url-share
Q&A style wide-ranging interview about Sze's creative history, habits, and life style
- **Nasher Sculpture Center (5:00)**
<https://youtu.be/dRvZHcYIlic?si=XToD-5C0dmgJB8xl>
Sze discusses three of her pieces at an exhibition in Dallas, TX, 2023
- **Wikipedia**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Sze
Basic bio, education, process and overview of significant works

Optional

- **Art 21 (3:30)**
<https://youtu.be/kaGB5vx1wpw?si=bQvLuqyXK9JNpf2i>
Sze discusses Measuring Stick from 2015
- **Art 21 (5:37)**
https://youtu.be/oivCLEc_jfU?si=CL3RUP8M_nB-tjCb
Sze discusses the design and installation of Blueprint for a Landscape in the NYC subway, 2017
- **Architectural Digest**
<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/this-ethereal-installation-is-transforming-laguardia>
Article about Sze's installation at LaGuardia airport, 2021
- **SZE Ted Talk (13:52)**
<https://youtu.be/lEjegKJwI0M?si=gWCBHQLHa4Oglktl>
How we experience time and memory through art.