

## The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Remembers Supporters Gene Hackman and Betsy Arakawa

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—February 27, 2025—(Santa Fe, NM)—The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum has released the following official statement on the passing of former Board of Trustees member, Gene Hackman, and his wife, Betsy Arakawa:

“The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is deeply saddened by the passing of Gene Hackman and Betsy Arakawa.

From 1997 to 2004, Gene served on the Museum's Board of Trustees, playing a vital role in shaping the Museum's early years. Beyond his role as a Trustee, Gene contributed to the Museum in meaningful ways, notably as the narrator of the Perry Miller Adato film, *Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life in Art*. The Museum is grateful for his commitment to sharing Georgia O'Keeffe's legacy and for their deep support of the arts and cultural initiatives.

We extend our deepest condolences.”

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Images: An image of Hackman at the opening of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in 1997 can be found at [this link](#).

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1. Gene Hackman at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Opening, July 1997. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Communications Department Records (RG.8.1).
2. John L. Marion (left) and Gene Hackman (right) at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Opening, July 1997. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Communications Department Records (RG.8.1).

**ABOUT THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM:** Since 1997, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum celebrates the art, life, and independent spirit of Georgia O'Keeffe. Located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Georgia O'Keeffe lived the final decades of her life, the O'Keeffe has sites and experiences in two historic destinations, Santa Fe and Abiquiú. For more information, please visit [gokm.org](http://gokm.org)