

## The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Remembers Juan Hamilton

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE–March 6, 2025–(Santa Fe, NM)–The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum has released the following official statement on the passing of Juan Hamilton:

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum sends its deepest condolences to Anna Marie Hamilton, their sons, and the entire Hamilton family after the passing of Juan Hamilton.

A talented artist, Mr. Hamilton's ceramic and sculpture works are in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, and many others, including the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

After coming to New Mexico in 1973, Mr. Hamilton had an undeniable presence in Georgia O'Keeffe's life. For 13 years, he became a companion both at home and in travel, a studio assistant, and a trusted administrator of O'Keeffe's business affairs. He served as a special consultant to the Museum's Board of Trustees since the Museum's inception in 1997.

After her death, he became an ardent steward of her legacy, generously gifting many of O'Keeffe's personal belongings to the Museum, which remain significant pieces of O'Keeffe's story as an artist and a person. These objects and her story continue to inspire the thousands of people who visit the Museum and the Home & Studio in Abiquiú each year. Juan will be remembered as a dear friend of the Museum and our namesake artist.

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8. Juan Hamilton. *Abstract Form #4*, 1979. Lacquered clay. Loan, Juan and Anna Marie Hamilton. Pictured in Abiquiu Living Room, 2019. Image by Krysta Jabczenski. © Georgia O'Keeffe Museum (image only).

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