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*A collaboration with Project Backboard and artist Katy Ann Gilmore*

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Opening Reception: May 17, 1–3 p.m.

*GAME! Basketball and Contemporary Art* celebrates basketball as a source of creative expression and community connection. Anchored by the imaginative resurfacing of the Great Park's four basketball courts — which feature original, site-specific art by California artist, Katy Ann Gilmore — the exhibition showcases a selection of contemporary artists from the book, *Common Practice: Basketball and Contemporary Art*, exploring the culture and aesthetics of basketball, alongside a survey of Project Backboard's national and international court renovations.

Project Backboard is an Irvine-based non-profit organization that repairs and resurfaces public basketball courts with large-scale, site-specific artworks. Transforming court surfaces into vibrant works of art, Project Backboard aims to strengthen communities, enhance park safety, encourage multi-generational play, and inspire creative and thoughtful engagement with public space.

Since its founding in 2015, Project Backboard has renovated over 100 courts in more than twenty-five U.S. states, as well as in Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and Portugal, in collaboration with artists such as Nina Chanel Abney, Jason REVOK, and Andy Warhol.

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**PLUS**

### **Jazz in the Palm Court**

Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex

Sunday, May 17, 1–3 p.m.

## **Great Park Gallery**

8000 Great Park Blvd.,  
Irvine

Thursdays & Fridays  
Noon–4 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays  
10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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