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Announcing the 2023 Winner of the George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award

WESTFORD, Massachusetts – The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) established the George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award in 1980 to honor the memory of George Wittenborn, an art bookseller and publisher; friend to librarians, curators, art historians and artists; and a great supporter of ARLIS/NA in its early years. Each year, based on content and scholarship, layout, image quality, and overall design, one exemplary art publication is chosen to receive this distinguished award.

The recipient of the 44th George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award was announced at the ARLIS/NA 51st Annual Conference in Mexico City. This year's recipient is *The Portable Universe / El Universo en tus Manos: Thought and Splendor of Indigenous Colombia*, published by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Delmonico Books. The book's authors are Julia Burtenshaw, Héctor Garcia Botero, Diana Magaloni, and Maria Alicia Uribe Villegas. Its designers are Lorraine Wild and Xiaoqing Wang of Green Dragon Office.

The Portable Universe is an exhibition catalog of small ceramic and metal votive figures, ocarinas (flutes), ornaments, and vessels. In this book, the art objects are not fetishized as singular items of value, but rather are contextualized within the landscape and culture of the indigenous people of Colombia.

About the Art Libraries Society of North America

Founded in 1972, the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is a dynamic, international organization of close to 1,000 individuals devoted to fostering excellence in art and design librarianship and image management in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The membership includes architecture and art librarians, visual resources professionals, artists, curators, educators, publishers, students, and others interested in visual arts information. To serve this diverse constituency, the Society provides a wide range of programs and services within an organizational structure that encourages participation at every level.



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