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Aranda\Lasch & Terrol Dew Johnson
Meeting the Clouds Halfway



Great Hall

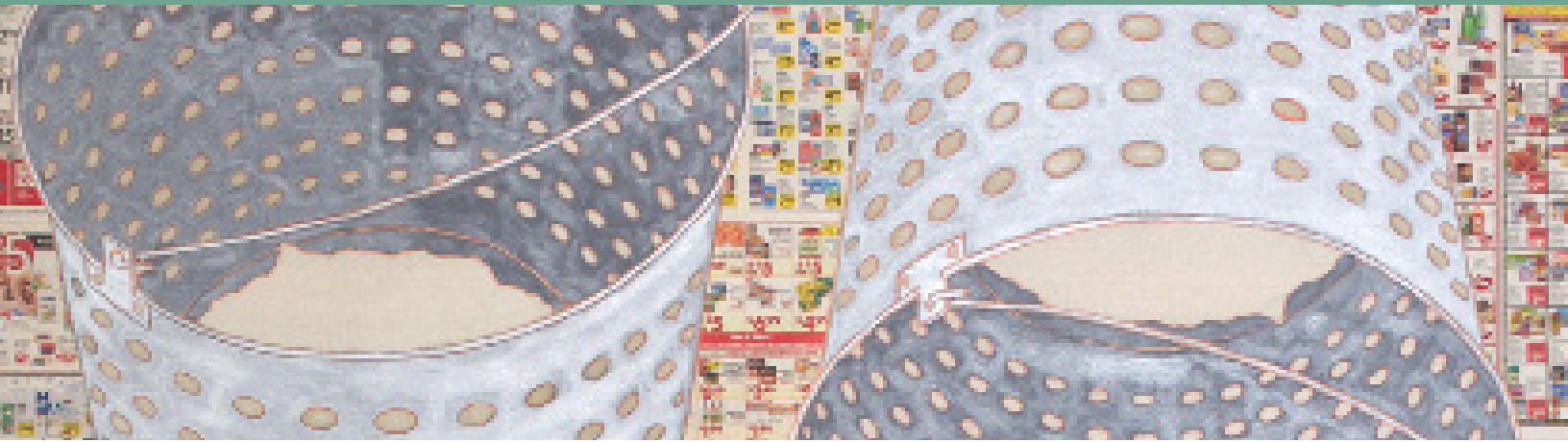
Tucson and New York-based architects Aranda\Lasch (Ben Aranda and Chris Lasch) and Tohono O'odham basket weaver Terrol Dew Johnson will present *Meeting the Clouds Halfway* in MOCA's Great Hall, featuring experiments blending traditional craft with contemporary design. Ranging from basketry to architecture, what is on display explores the desert surrounding Tucson as a place of inspiration, opportunity, and collaboration. Guest curated by Alexandra Cunningham Cameron, the exhibition is the result of a ten-year conversation about reimagining traditional forms of making to satisfy the contemporary world. Based on a shared interest in the study and preservation of traditional Native American practices and their bearing on modern life, the works are made from the four natural materials of the desert: rock, copper, wood, and grass. Multiple endeavors related to these substances will be arrayed, variously grouped and scattered, hanging from the ceiling, displayed on the wall, and arranged on tables, centered around an architecturally scaled dome structure. The ongoing cross-cultural exchange and conversation with Johnson examines the ways that pattern, rhythm, ritual, and memory influence the design process, and how centuries-old Tohono O'odham practices can have a direct bearing on the present. A central ambition of the exhibition is an increased awareness of Tohono O'odham artistic traditions, the culture from which they spring, and their enduring resonance. Principal aspects of this will be a basket-weaving workshop, educational programming, and proposals for sustainable housing in tribal communities, all organized in partnership with Tohono O'odham Community Action (TOCA). Allegorically and materially, this exhibition highlights the holistic nature of Aranda\Lasch and Johnson's extensive, deeply thought-out engagement with architecture and the world we inhabit.

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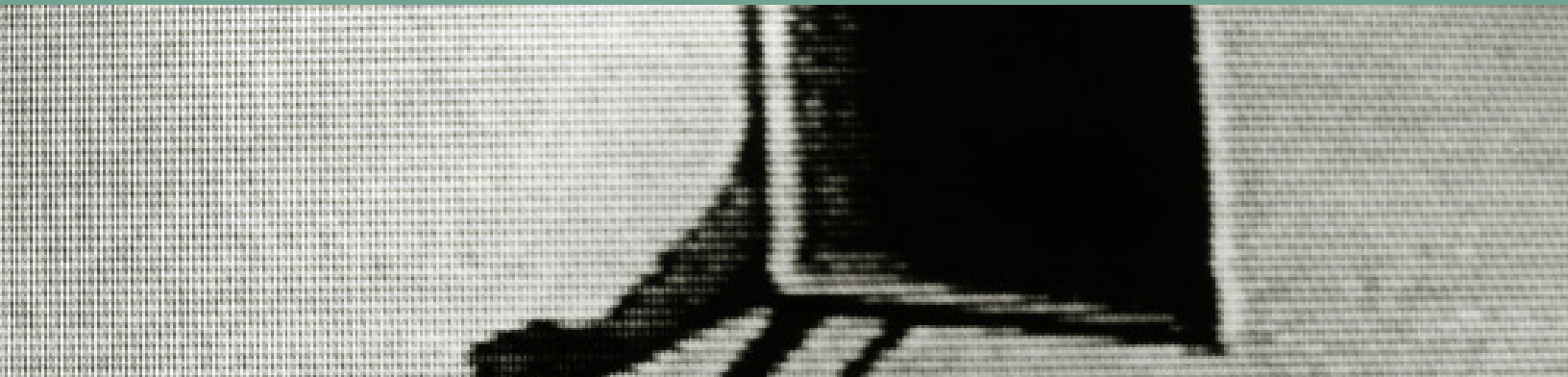
JPW3 *Sleep Never Rusts*



Video Room and Southeast Galleries

In *Sleep Never Rusts*, JPW3 inverts the tried-and-true Rust-Oleum slogan into a conundrum of meaning and materials, with each successive gallery containing divergent bodies of work eliciting contrasting states of mind and sensory reactions. Paintings of infinity-loop buckets full of holes that render them impractical simultaneously revolve endlessly into boundlessness, spinning and rotating around the first space encountered while showing all of their sides but revealing nothing. The metaphor is the artistic process of working through accident and error to find solutions, or conversely, discovering problems in everything, and making art out of that Sisyphean predicament. Rounding a corner, a handmade analog hologram summoning Serena Williams' power in mid-stroke is seen from both sides, doubled. The participant passes "through" her, momentarily becoming one with the celebrated tennis pro, part of the/her machine. Endless inanimate movement in paint leads to repetition of human motion, very much alive, a surge from one condition to its opposite. Following a course into the South Galleries, viewers encounter supine sarcophagus-like ramp "wedge" sculptures made of layers of melted wax, slowly molting, inert, sepulchral, detaining time and bringing locomotion close to a standstill. Then one enters the last room, a dizzying floor-to-ceiling black and orange wraparound "finish line" that is a zine (the earliest and a continuing materialization of JPW3's output) writ large on the walls, composed of 8.5x11" tartan photocopies of a homemade plastic trash bag with a checkered flag motif, conflating the sign of finishing and victory with its mundane source, "ending" but also rotating the observer back out into this undeniably multi-disciplinary, playfully confounding experience. The combined parts constitute a trip into perceptual and mental landscapes that are inventive, humorous, and allusive, as well as slightly disquieting and destabilizing.

Miranda Lichtenstein *Sound and Noise*



Northeast Galleries

MOCA Tucson's exhibition Miranda Lichtenstein: *Sound and Noise* will feature a variety of distinct yet wholly intertwined works in photography the artist has produced in the last fifteen years. At the heart of this enterprise is a desire to make art that confronts the intangible: diverse states of mind, feelings, emotions, and thoughts, processed through an ever-shifting medium. This pursuit yields gorgeous, approachable pictures that at the same time display the artist's complex relationship to their status as representations of the photographically impalpable. This is especially present in her series "The Searchers," which depicts quests for mental states of utopian sanctuary—unknown, unreal, and utterly desirable—showing human subjects in or on voyages of secular enlightenment. Additional bodies of work depict haunting, barely-there images of singers mid-song, vocalizing with intense passion yet unheard, and a wall-sized print of a tornado siren shot off the television screen, a signal of alarm that causes panic but here is rendered mute. Each uses the act of negation to ask what it means for a visual artist to picture something she can't see. Additionally, her ongoing collaboration with the artist Josh Blackwell further complicates this question by troubling the clarity of authorship. Her lush, large-scale prints of Blackwell's abraded plastic bodega bags become defamiliarized stand-ins for the "disposable" culture we inhabit. Rounding out the exhibition are Lichtenstein's most current explorations called "Grounds," made of cut and layered accumulations of photo paper. The void we perpetually attempt to fill is alluded to, indicated, and perhaps even shown, while leaving open deeper questions about what we can see and what we think can't be pictured through the act of photographing.

events 10/29-1/29

Fall Exhibitions Opening

Saturday 29 October MOCA Members' Preview 7-9pm

Join us in celebrating the opening of *Meeting the Clouds Halfway*, *Sleep Never Rusts*, and *Sound and Noise* with a food truck, refreshments, and music by Disc Jockey Thomas Johnson.

If you're not a member, or your membership has expired, be sure to join or renew in time for the opening! Memberships start as low as \$4 a month.

Join today at www.moca-tucson.org/membership



Artist Talk: Miranda Lichtenstein

Thursday 27 October • 6pm
FREE for MOCA members, \$10 non-members
Admission includes light snacks & refreshments

Join Miranda Lichtenstein for an in-depth discussion about her artistic practice and *Sound and Noise*.



Artist Talk: Aranda\Lasch and Terrol Dew Johnson

Co-presented by AIA Southern Arizona and The University of Arizona College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture

Sunday 30 October • 3pm
FREE for MOCA, AIA, and CAPLA members, \$10 non-members
Admission includes light snacks & refreshments

Join Aranda\Lasch and Terrol Dew Johnson for an in-depth discussion about their architectural and artistic practices, and how they conceived *Meeting the Clouds Halfway*.



ArtNow!

Thursday 8 December – Art Now! with Dr. Paul Ivey
Thursday 15 December – Art Now! with Dr. Paul Ivey
Thursday 12 January - Art Now! with Valerie Sipp
Thursday 19 January – Art Now! with Debi Chess Mabie

6pm • **FREE for MOCA members, non-members \$10**
Admission includes light snacks and refreshments

Art Now! gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts on the wildly disparate practices and objects collectively known as “the art of our time.” Guests are encouraged to participate, share, and engage in this playful rendition upending the traditional art history lecture format.



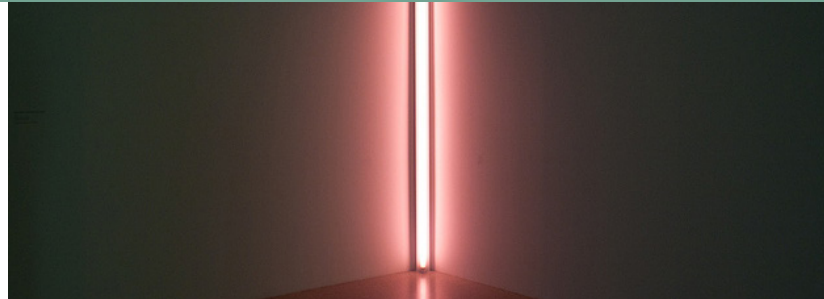
Dr. Paul Ivey



Dr. Paul Ivey is Professor of Art History teaching Modern and Contemporary Art. He researches the built environments and compounds of alternative and esoteric American religions and communal groups. He is the author of *Radiance from Halcyon: A Utopian Experiment in Religion and Science* and *Prayers in Stone: Christian Science Architecture in the United States, 1894-1930*. His research interests include metaphysical, Eastern, and esoteric religions in the United States that evolved during the Progressive Era. He studies the art and architecture; class and institutional structures; theology; therapeutic ideals; and political and representational strategies of these related and indigenous religious/philosophical/therapeutic groups.

Valerie Sipp

Born and raised in Tucson, Valerie Sipp discovered her love of post-WWII art while studying for her Bachelor's degree in Art History at the University of Arizona. She continued her education at Sotheby's Institute of Art in New York City where she received her Masters in Contemporary Art. Part of the MOCA Tucson family, Valerie is the museum's Head of Visitors Services and Outreach. With an interest in Post-Minimalist art and viewer participation, Valerie will be presenting her Masters Thesis: *Seeing is Being, Experiencing Art in a Post-Minimalist World*.



Debi Chess Mabie



Debi Chess Mabie has over 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector as a community organizer and program and development specialist. After serving as the Operations Manager for TPAC for two years, she assumed the position of Executive Director of the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona. Debi holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Wright State University in Dayton, OH, and a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Fall Fundraiser *Carnaval d'Avant-Garde*

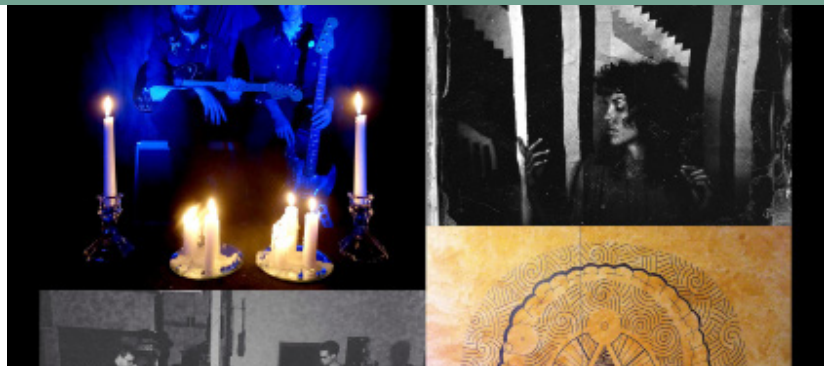
Carnaval d'Avant-Garde: A Contemporary Spectacle
Friday 30 September • 7-11pm
\$100 in advance / \$125 at the door

MOCA's Fall Fundraiser is brought to you by Sugar Beast Circus + Creative Tucson. The past and future collide in this special performative and interactive event designed to take you into the realm of the surreal with music by Spontaneous Response Squadron, carnival games, and a silent auction. The Amazing Lola Torch, Devin the Darling, Mother Fakir snake charmer, and Mona's Singing Bees will perform astonishing feats. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and are generously donated by Agustin Kitchen, Ghini's French Caffe, The Little Café Poca Cosa, Merci Gallery, Owl's Club, Tap & Bottle, Ten Fifty-Five Brewing, The Carriage House, and Wells Distillery.

Music @ MOCA

Psych Night
Wednesday 12 October
8pm
FREE for MOCA members, \$5 non-members

Psych, drone, and experimental ambient come together in MOCA's Great Hall with live performances by Afraid (Berkeley), Karima Walker, The Myrrors, and Night Collectors.



Hocus Bogus Zine Release

Saturday 28 January • 8pm
FREE for MOCA members, \$5 non-members

The Hocus Bogus Zine is a record/zine hybrid that highlights the wide variety of talented musicians, writers, and artists that Tucson has to offer. Come celebrate the zine's one-year anniversary with a live performance by this quarter's featured artist, Headlock, with more bands to be announced.

HocusBogus

ZINE



Community Partnerships

Artifact Dance Project: *Animal Farm*

Thursday 6 October – 7:30pm

Friday 7 October – 7:30pm

Saturday 8 October – 7:30pm

Sunday 9 October – 2:00pm

Tickets can be purchased at: <http://artifactdanceproject.tix.com/schedule.aspx?orgnum=5286>

Artifact Dance Project opens the season with an innovative and unique adaptation of George Orwell's famous short novel, *Animal Farm*. Performed inside MOCA's Great Hall, *Animal Farm* is an art installation of movement and music portraying one of society's most famous and controversial narratives. Musician and art historian Kevin Justus adapts the story especially for dance, working alongside choreographer and Artistic Director, Ashley Bowman. A fusion of ballet and modern mixed with animalistic qualities, the movement—performed by ten professional dancers—portrays the distinctive characters in the story.

Tucson Fashion Week: Premiere Runway & Fashion Presentation

Friday 14 October • 6-10pm

General admission and VIP tickets available at: <https://tucsonfashionweek.ticketleap.com>

The main runway show and presentation will feature the work of iconic designer and creator of fashion brand and cosmetics line Heatherette, Richie Rich, along with a premiere of his new collection RichENGage, a collaboration with Gage John Lazare. Recording artists Jason Maek and Zaena of MaekMe will perform and show their exclusive video, *Fashion Week: The Visual Album*. The night will also showcase four local and regional designers. VIP guests will have exclusive access to the Perrier-Jouet Lounge.



The Happy Film

Co-presented by MOCA Tucson & Film Festival Tucson

Thursday 20 October • 9pm

\$10 • This screening will take place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 160 S. Scott Ave

Austrian designer Stefan Sagmeister is doing well. He lives in New York City, the city of his dreams, and he has success in his work designing album covers for the Rolling Stones, Jay-Z, and the Talking Heads. But in the back of his mind, he suspects there must be something more. He decides to turn himself into a design project. Can he redesign his personality to become a better person? Is it possible to train his mind to get happier? He pursues 3 controlled experiments of meditation, therapy, and drugs, grading himself along the way. But real life creeps in and confounds the process: art, sex, love, and death prove impossible to disentangle. His unique designs and painfully personal experiences mark a journey that travels closer to himself than ever intended.



The Dream Delivery Service: A Poetics of Porous Intimacy

Co-presented with the University of Arizona Poetry Center

Monday 31 October • 6pm

FREE for MOCA members, \$5 non-members

In 2014, Mathias Svalina started a Dream Delivery Service. Svalina takes about forty subscribers a month, then writes and delivers dream poems to them every day. He writes from his imagination on a daily basis and attempts to create a unique dream for each subscriber. Svalina hand-delivers the dreams to subscribers' doors (for those who live within a four-mile radius of his temporary home base at MOCA Tucson), biking through the empty city streets before dawn. Subscribers outside the radius will receive their dreams by mail.

Mathias Svalina is the author of five books, including *Destruction Myth* (Cleveland State University Poetry Center), *Wastoid* (Big Lucks Books), and the recently released *The Wine-Dark Sea* (Sidebrow Books). He is an editor for the small press Octopus Books. Since 2014, Svalina has run a Dream Delivery Service in Denver and, in the fall of 2016 through the summer of 2017, he will be delivering dreams in Richmond, Tucson, Marfa, New Orleans, and Chicago.

Artists' Open Studio Tours presented by the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA)

Saturday 12 November • 11am-5pm

Ricuras de Venezuela Food Truck from 12-5pm

MOCA is pleased to be participating in this year's revamped Artists' Open Studio tours presented by the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) with funding from the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona. Artists Chris Lasch and Terrol Dew Johnson will be on hand to discuss their work with tour attendees. The midday curator tour for Nov 12 will be free to all at 1pm. Visit www.openstudiotours.com for more information.



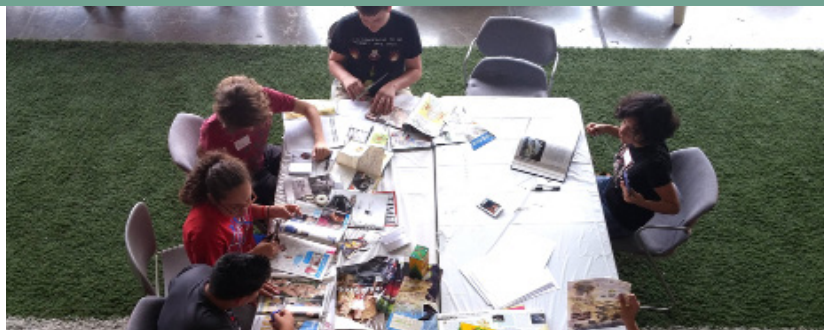
Youth Programming @ MOCA

All youth programming is **FREE** & made possible by the **Robert Barber Fund for Children's Creativity**

Minor Mutiny

Thursdays
3:30-5pm
FREE for teens 14 and up

High school students with valid ID are welcome at the Museum for Minor Mutiny, a safe, fun, and inspiring afterschool program. Hang out, make a zine, watch an art video, get homework help – this unstructured “lounge” is supervised by artist/mentors with a wide range of expertise to offer teens.



Young Fauves

14, 21, 28 September
5, 19, 26 October
2, 9 November
4-6pm
FREE for youth ages 9 to 13

Young Fauves is a FREE after school program that will give artists from ages 9-13 the opportunity to experience a variety of art activities including collage, painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, and more! MOCA offers a safe, fun, and inspiring space for youth to create, engage, and explore. Classes will be facilitated by MOCA staff as well as local educators and artists, with snacks provided at no cost.



Primary Colors Playtime

Saturday 19 November
Saturday 17 December
Saturday 21 January
1pm
FREE for children under 8

Primary Colors Playtime lets children of elementary school age learn through play in an intergenerational, interactive environment. Adults learn about art and art history, kids experience art as participants and practitioners, and everyone has a great time at Primary Colors Playtime!



Yoga @ MOCA



Beginning 30 October
Wednesdays 5:30pm
Fridays 10am
Sundays 10am
FREE for MOCA members, \$8 non-members

Nourish your mind, body and soul practicing yoga among inspiring works of art with yogi Cate Clifton on Sunday mornings and Alexandra Roush on Wednesday evenings & Friday mornings in MOCA's Great Hall!

Recurring Events

Saturday Midday Curator Tours

12 November • 10 December • 14 January
1pm • FREE for MOCA members, free with general admission

Learn more about our Fall/Winter exhibitions by attending our Saturday Midday Curator Tours.



FREE Day

30 October
20 November*
18 December*
29 January
12-5pm • FREE for all

Free admission to MOCA every last Sunday of the month!
*Date change due to holiday closures



FREE 2nd Sundays for Cyclists

13 November
11 December
8 January
12-5pm

Bike to MOCA, show us your helmet, and receive FREE admission to the Museum on the 2nd Sunday of the month!



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