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SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SUMMER 2018 PROGRAMS CALENDAR



Yard Games for Art participants enjoy a game of swim ring toss. Photo: Julie Ganas

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) presents a wide range of exciting and diverse programs for the summer 2018 season, including artist talks, a summer solstice celebration and the opportunity to solve a mystery involving a creature from an artwork that has come to life.

Here's what's coming up:

Curator Talk:

Andrea R. Hanley

May 24, 7 p.m.

Free

Curator Andrea R. Hanley, Navajo, from the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, will speak about the exhibition *Akunnittinni: A Kinngait Family Portrait*, and the curatorial process of collaborating with Indigenous communities

Dog Days @SMoCA

May 26, 7 p.m.

\$10

In honor of the exhibition *Wild Thing*, visitors are invited to bring their canine friends for a special guided walk in the park to take a closer look at public art sculptures. The walk culminates with a special sunset experience inside James Turrell's *Knight Rise Skyspace*. Human and doggie refreshments are included. Space is limited.

Artist Talk:

Lydia Okumura

June 7, 7 p.m.

Free

Join artist Lydia Okumura and Rachel Adams, senior curator of exhibitions at UB Art Galleries, for a sneak peek of the exhibition, *Lydia Okumura: Situations*. Learn firsthand about the works on view, as the artist discusses her process and influences.

Summer Opening Celebration

June 8, 7–9 p.m.

Free

Celebrate another season of new exhibitions at SMoCA. Chat with curators, mingle with artists and explore the exhibitions. Cash bar.

Sunset in the Skyspace

June 21, 6:30 p.m.

\$10

Experience the summer solstice in James Turrell's *Knight Rise Skyspace*. Signature cocktails will be provided.

Mystery in the Museum:

The Mischievous Beast

July 14, 6 p.m.

Pair \$25, Individual \$15

One of the critters from an artwork has somehow come to life and is creating mischief throughout the museum. Follow clues and crack clever codes to figure out what this sly creature is up to and where it went. Cash bar and light bites.

Flavor Lab

July 26, 7p.m.

Pair \$35, Individual \$25

Titillate your taste buds and satisfy your sweet tooth with this hands-on, expert-led demonstration and tasting featuring locally crafted whiskey from Arizona Distilling Co. and confections from Scottsdale's Super Chunk Sweets & Treats.

The Studio @SMoCA:**Wooly Creatures with Christy Puetz**

August 4, noon

Pair \$45, Individual \$30

Experience the art of felting wool to create a fuzzy creature to take home. Participants learn wet felting techniques and creature designs as they cut, sew and stuff a one-of-a-kind art piece. Materials and refreshments provided.

Yard Games for Art

August 24, 7 p.m.

\$10

The outdoors come inside the cool museum, out of the summer heat. There's nothing like some healthy competition among friends in these classic yard games with a SMoCA twist. The host, comedian Danielle Williams from AZTV Channel 7, will bring the laughs, so participants should come with their game faces on. There will be a cash bar with hard lemonade and craft beer. An artwork from local artist Kyllan Maney is at stake for the winner.

NEW!**How-to @SMoCA:****Salon Wall Hanging**

September 8, noon

Pair \$25, Individual \$15

Have you ever wished the art in your home could look like a museum? Join SMoCA Exhibitions Manager Laura Best and Acting Director Jennifer McCabe as they give a crash course in how to organize and install a salon-style hanging. Bring your significant other or roommate and plan your personal salon wall. Cash bar.

Art Handlers Triathlon

October 4, 7 p.m.

Free

Join us for this third annual event where art world professionals and museum workers step into the spotlight to compete for the coveted Golden Level trophy. Pick your favorite Valley institutions and cheer them on as they install, handle and package artwork with precision, tenacity and white gloves. Cash bar.

SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through three acclaimed divisions — Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) and Scottsdale Public Art — serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

ABOUT SMoCA

Founded in 1999, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) explores the best of contemporary art,

architecture and design. Global in its focus, the Museum is a unique and vital cultural resource for the Southwest, serving local audiences, as well as visitors from the United States and abroad. Designed by award-winning architect Will Bruder, SMOCA's minimalist building (an ingenious renovation of a former movie theater) has four galleries for showcasing changing exhibitions and works from the Museum's collection, along with SMOCA Lounge, a living, functional art installation and space for community engagement. The Museum presents a wide variety of educational programs and special events for adults and families, including lectures, readings, performances, docent-led tours, workshops and classes. SMOCA also features an outdoor sculpture garden housing James Turrell's *Knight Rise*, one of the renowned artist's public skyspaces, and *Scrim Wall*, a monumental curtain of translucent glass panels by James Carpenter Design Associates. The Museum's retail store, Shop@SMOCA, offers classic design objects and furnishings, contemporary jewelry, art and architecture books, and imaginative gifts for all occasions.

VISITOR INFORMATION

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HOURS AND ADMISSION

Tuesday – Wednesday, noon–5 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday, noon–9 p.m.

Sunday, noon–5 p.m.

Closed Mondays and major holidays

Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 students, free for members and children 15 and under

Free on Thursdays and after 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays