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scottsdale museum of contemporary art

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**SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
SEPTEMBER 2018 – FEBRUARY 2019 PROGRAMS CALENDAR**



Winners of Mystery in the Museum: The Mischievous Beast, summer 2018.
Photo: Julie Ganas

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) presents a wide range of exciting and diverse programs for the fall 2018 and early winter season, including the return of fan favorites like Mystery in the Museum and Trivia Night. Here's what's coming up:

Museum Day

September 22, noon to 9 p.m.

Free

Admission to SMOCA is free to all guests who download a Museum Day ticket as part of Smithsonian magazine's 14th annual Museum Day. This year's theme is Women Making History, honoring women who are trailblazers in the arts, sciences, innovation and culture, who embolden others to be pioneers, as well. Tickets, which provide free admission for two people, may be downloaded at [Smithsonian.com/museumday](https://www.smithsonian.com/museumday).

Curator Walk-through:

Cristina Vives

October 13, 4 p.m.

Free with museum admission

Cristina Vives, curator of the exhibition *NKAME: A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayón (1967-1999)*, which opens Oct. 13, leads a tour of the galleries and provides an in-depth look at the young artist and her legacy.

Amendment to the Amendment Workshop

October 25, 6 p.m.

Free

Patrons are invited to join artist Pedro Reyes in the radical act of helping to rewrite the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Artist Talk:

Carla Fernández and Pedro Reyes

October 25, 7 p.m.

Free

The artists from the exhibition *Double Agents*, which opens Oct. 27, discuss their ideas of agency in a time of urgency. For the first time, Carla Fernández and Pedro Reyes, two of Mexico's most prominent artists who also happen to be partners in life, collaborate artistically in the form of protest posters, accompanied by individual works of sculpture, video, fashion and photography.

Fall Opening Party

October 26, 7–9 p.m.

Free

Celebrate another season of new exhibitions at SMOCA. Chat with curators, mingle with artists, explore the exhibitions and enjoy a special performance by artist M. Jenea Sanchez. Cash bar.

Mystery in the Museum:

The Counterspy Code

November 10, 6 p.m.

Pair \$25. Individual \$15

Follow clues, crack codes and puzzle your way to becoming a top agent in the field. Come dressed to impress in your best black spy wear for a night of espionage and intrigue. Cash bar and light bites are included.

NEW!

The Jealous Curator Podcast and Book Signing

November 17, 3 p.m.

\$10

Meet Danielle Krysa, the creative mind behind *The Jealous Curator*, as she records an intimate podcast featuring local artists. Stay afterward for a book signing of her latest published work, *A Big Important Art Book (Now with Women)*.

Documentary Video Art Festival

November 29, 7 p.m.

Free

A showcase of experimental shorts highlighting social, cultural and personal topics. These artworks were produced by students in Documentary Video Art as part of the Intermedia program of the School of Art, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, Arizona State University. Space is limited. Seating is first come, first served.

Flavor Lab: Cider Corps

December 7, 7 p.m.

Pair \$35, Individual \$25

Meet the people behind Arizona's first cidery, Cider Corps, and sample a flight of their latest creations. Paired with locally created signature sliders.

Trivia Night @SMoCA: Holiday Edition

December 14, 7 p.m.

\$10 (One free drink included)

Comedian Anwar Newton hosts an evening of holiday-themed movie, TV and music references to test your pop culture IQ. Win prizes and have your first drink on us.

Sunrise in the Skyspace

December 21, 5:30 a.m.

\$10

Celebrate the winter solstice in James Turrell's *Knight Rise* skyspace and toast the shortest day of the year with Irish coffee and pastries. It's worth getting up early for.

The Studio @SMoCA:

Textiles with Lara Plecas

January 26, noon

Pair, \$45. Individual, \$30

Artist Lara Plecas will guide participants through the process of dyeing fibers using natural materials commonly found in the Southwest. Come away with new techniques and a one-of-a-kind creation. Materials and refreshments provided.

The Studio @SMoCA:**Sacred Bear Flags with Tara Logsdon**

February 9, noon

Pair, \$45. Individual, \$30

Artist Tara Logsdon will help participants create a custom strand of sacred bear flags to hang at home using hand-drawn and embroidery methods. Learn new techniques and in the end you will have a unique creation. Materials and refreshments included.

SAVE THE DATE**Tania Katan:****Creative Trespassing**

February 22, 7 p.m.

The Valley's own Tania Katan celebrates the release of her new book, *Creative Trespassing: How to Put the Spark and Joy Back Into Your Work and Life*, due out Feb. 12, 2019. The award-winning author and keynote speaker has been written about in *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post* and *Time Magazine*, among other publications. She has been a featured speaker at Business of Software, S.H.E. Summit, Expedia and TEDx, and is the former brand evangelist for Axosoft. She also was curator of performing arts at SMoCA. More details coming soon at smoca.org.

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 four acclaimed branches — Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Scottsdale Public Art and Scottsdale Arts Education and Outreach — 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 under 15

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

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