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Explore the diversity of urban-based art colonies in Brooklyn, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio, through the work of 18 CIA alumni who live and work in these cultural hubs.

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WELCOME BACK.

This fall, as two of Cleveland’s most prominent art exhibitors unveil undeniably spectacular pieces of new construction, it’s fair to say we’re enjoying the fruit of an arts building boom.

MOCA Cleveland for the first time ever will have a purpose-built home in which to present the best of the world’s contemporary art. It anchors the intersection of Euclid and Mayfield like a faceted block of volcanic glass. And the Cleveland Museum of Art will unveil a massive new atrium that will not only be one of the city’s most impressive interior spaces, but will also re-introduce spatial logic to the museum. Visitors will be able to find their way to the art without having to navigate a maze of basement hallways.

Both of those are slated to open in October, and you can read about them in this issue.

But the reality of Cleveland’s art building boom is much broader than bricks and mortar. We’ve been building in other ways. Consider, for example, the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory. Conceived by Tom Balbo in 2006, offering classes just since 2009, the organization has embraced the hand manufacture of paper and related arts. The Morgan offers classes, exhibits, has launched a commercial line of handmade papers, and even grows kozo fiber in a small grove of trees on the back lot, for making paper in a Japanese style. Talk about starting from scratch. And what they’re making—it’s worth repeating—is paper, that most basic building block for so much human creativity. Just a few short years after opening the doors, the organization debuts on the international stage this fall by hosting Watermarks, a conference that will draw hundreds of students and paper making artists from around the world for programs presented in cooperation with the International Association of Handmade Paper Artists, Friends of Dard Hunter, and a coterie of collaborating Cleveland area galleries.

That’s the kind of thing that makes bricks and mortar worthwhile.

Or consider Octafest, launched in 2009 by the fledging group Artist Books Cleveland, now coordinated as a partnership with Cleveland Public Library, the multitude of artists occupying their studios in former industrial spaces, like the Artcraft Building, Tower Press, and others around the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood.

Cleveland has an art scene that’s got bench.

I’d humbly submit that what you’re holding in your hands is still more evidence of the depth of the local art scene. CAN Journal exists because of the dozens of galleries and hundreds of artists showing and making work in Northeast Ohio. It’s an honor to for us to play a part in building that scene. We are off to a terrific start, growing with each issue, and will continue to amplify the Cleveland art scene with your help. So watch for details about coming events, including what we expect to be a massive party in Spring 2013, and please do not hesitate to get involved.

Thanks for reading.

Michael Gill
Editor
Guest Curators, 50th Juried Show at BAY Arts

Three Views | September 7–30
Award winning artists David Ward, Ken Smith, Edward Beyer exhibit plein air studies and studio works from these points of view and three diverse careers: from American Greetings BAYArts portrait studio.
Opening Reception September 7th, 7–9 pm

50th Annual Juried Exhibition October 12–November 2
In the Sullivan Family Gallery. Esteemed judges: Susan Channing, curator, educator and artist, and Del Rey Loven, artist/professor at University of Akron will award up to $500 in cash prizes. Specifics and entry forms at www.bayarts.net.

Threshold
In the Dianne Boldman Gallery. Artists in Threshold convey a sense of the mystery of the act of transitioning, of changing from one reality (known state) to another. Artists selected for this show are on the threshold of something... wider recognition, deep changes in our lives. Artists: Karen Peltoevich, Eliza Wing, Susie Frazer, Fran Belkin, Gian Li, John Carlson, Jessica Maloney, and Bellamy Printz.
Opening Reception October 12th, 7–9 pm

The Bomb | November 9–December 21
From The Manhattan Project to Cold War fears of nuclear holocaust, to the current colloquium in the modern lexicon-The Bomb is a phrase laden with connotations. A group exhibition featuring work by artists interpreting the curatorial theme from a variety of perspectives; some fearful, some funny, but entirely impactful. Curated by Ross Lesko, Gallery Director of Kenneth Paul Lesko Gallery.
Opening Reception November 9th, 7–9 pm

Shining Light on Creativity in the Heights

Heights Arts shines a light on the region’s creative residents through programs in the visual arts, music, arts education and poetry.

Gallery
In September, Heights Arts gallery launches the fall season with Paperworks, an exhibition presenting regional artists who work rigorously on or with paper. Curated by artist / Heights Arts program director Andrea Jaki, the show illuminates paper as a carrier of artists’ symbols and as a medium in itself with processes including drawing, cut paper, collage, sculpture and pulp. The show coincides in its closing days with Watermarks, an international conference of hand papemakers hosted in Cleveland by the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Education Foundation.
Participating artists include Shelly DiCello, Tom Balbo, Tim Callaghan, Laura Cooperman, Julie Friedman, Sarah Kabot, Margaret Kimura, Michael Loderstedt, Liz Maugans, Pam McKee, Darice Polo, Corrie Slawson, Dan Tranberg, Achala Wali and Trudy Wiesenberger.

Concerts
Heights Arts’ popular chamber music series, Close Encounters, begins a new season of concerts in intimate and unique venues, with performances by world-class musicians who live here in northeast Ohio. The season kicks off with performances by musicians who live here in northeast Ohio. We are delighted to move forward to the next Heights Arts public art project. With generous local and state funding, Heights Arts will implement an Ohio Arts Council artist residency at neighboring Heights Youth Club in the Cedar Lee Business District.

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Poetry
Heights Writes, a group that supports the Cleveland Heights Poets Laureate, brought pop-up poetry (PUP) to the streets this summer. PUP provided residents and visitors an opportunity to meet local poets on the street. Inspired by the concept of Charles Schultz’s character Lucy and her “Psychiatric Help, 5 cents” stand, the Poet was IN. Current Poet Laureate Cavana Faithwalker hosts a free Poet Laureate Invitational in October with readings by regional poets.

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We aim to build awareness and foster appreciation for fine art, hand-processed photography.

We are an educational organization that provides an affordable workspace and the opportunity to exhibit your photography in a collaborative environment.

We are dedicated students in the techniques of shooting, processing, and printing film manually.

Like Cleveland Print Room on Facebook for updates on upcoming workshops and events.

Look for us at the Artspace building open studio holiday sale this December.
**Kathleen Loe and Barry Underwood at 1point618 Gallery**

Located within the Gordon Square Arts District of Cleveland’s historic Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood, 1point618 presents fine art that is superior in quality and content by artists of regional, national, and international acclaim.

**Upcoming Exhibitions:**

- **The Silver Keys**
  - Clarinet quartet in November and a special Teddy Bear Tea featuring holiday favorites on piano in December. Check our website for the concert schedule.
  - Get all your shopping done this holiday season at our annual Gallery Sale, the first two weekends in December, showcasing a wide array of work from over 30+ Cle artists.

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  - We have ceased running our beloved Café to concentrate more energy on our other programs, but are circulating an RFP.
  - For Kathleen Loe, being raised in the deep South was a tricky environment to navigate. For Kathleen Loe, being raised in the deep South was a tricky environment to navigate.

- **Barry Underwood**
  - Fables
  - Opening Reception: Friday Nov 9, 7-10PM
  - “These images are documentations of dioramas and full-scale installations that are built on-site in the landscape. Using illusion, imagination, and narrative, my photographs explore the potential of the ordinary. I approach my photographic work with a theatrical sensibility, much like a cinematographer or set designer would. By reading the landscape and altering the vista through lights and photographic effects, I transform everyday scenes into unique images. Light and color alter the perception of space, while defamiliarizing common objects. Space collapses, while the lights that I install appear as intrusions and interventions. From family surveillance to church hypocrisy and a mandarinesque social system, she became aware that life was being designed behind many delicate screens. Meaning and intent were constantly veiled. Snakes were in the water.

To investigate the overlay of this wary atmosphere on contemporary life, Loe has developed a group of images that act as metaphors for an unsettling personal and political climate. Her images of Black Hawk helicopters, internal organs, frocks, and landscapes share qualities of disguise, intimidation, and ambiguity. The vessels that Loe presents to us are always empty, yet seem to be in motion. The helicopters are always without a pilot, but they appear to have been stopped in flight. The frocks look as if they have been paused in their unknowable actions, but are always void of the human body. This suggestion of power wielded invisibly heightens the state of our central nervous system. We enter a moment of focused waiting – for rescue or for ruin.

In the hovering, flying, and exploding movements of her subjects, Loe asks us to consider issues of suspense and anticipation, privacy and surveillance in a world full of cryptic, double meaning.

*Barry Underwood*

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**Arts Collinwood: Art, Music, Shopping, Business**

**by Amy Calihan**

Arts Collinwood is in full swing this fall with monthly gallery openings, chamber music concerts, artist talks, screen printing workshops and an after school program in the Nan and Miles H. Kennedy Art Center starting up in October.

On view until September 2nd in the Gallery are the exquisitely beautiful paintings of William M. Newhouse. Opening September 14th are works of Ann Hanaran and Coe Laposy, in An Exercise in Tangled Self Reference. The two artists, fascinated with the mundane struggles of everyday life, met in 2002 while attending Kent State University and have been sharing ideas ever since. James March’s large canvases bring the year to a close in an exhibit running November 14th through December 2nd.

Our artist talks titled, Wine, A Burning Desire for Cigarettes, and A Leading Question led by Dan Tranberg are scheduled for the second Thursday following an opening. If you miss the talk, check for the video clip on our website or facebook.

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Cinema 03 and Kasumi at Kenneth Paul Lesko Gallery
by Ross Lesko

A razor is drawn across an eyeball; a Beast transforms a Beauty’s tears to diamonds; a bone is thrown triumphantly into the air by a proto-human, cutting to an image of a space station eons in the future; these captured moments in time have a distinctive means of imprinting themselves upon our memories, catching in our filters and germinating. An artist’s mind often acts as a lens, re-focusing and projecting these elements into new creations, or new translations, embedded with the power of their cinematic progenitors. Last year we continued our ongoing series of exhibitions designed around cinema as a translated medium. It was exciting to see how various artists incorporated cinema into their work, whether referencing specific films, genres or cinematic process itself. After the final selections were made, the exhibition consisted of work by 17 artists from 12 cities in 4 countries* and was very well received by the thousands who viewed the work in the gallery and online.

This year, we continue with Cinema 03. "Cleveland, OH; Philadelphia, PA; Greenpoint, NY; Baltimore, MD; Nashville, TN; Grand Rapids, MI; Chicago, IL; Seattle, WA; Los Angeles, CA; London, UK; Melbourne, Australia; and Bauru, Brazil..."

Kasumi
November 16, 2012–January 5, 2013
Kasumi, a 2011 Guggenheim Fellow, is internationally celebrated as a leading innovator of a new art form synthesizing film, sound and video. She has won global acclaim for her experimental films and video art in venues worldwide. Her richly expressive and compelling compositions have appeared at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Württembergischen Kunstverein Stuttgart and the Chroma Festival de Arte Audiovisual. With a passion for collaboration, she has created distinctive media art for a myriad of projects and performed alongside the likes of Grandmaster Flash, DJ Spooky, Modeslektor, New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, and American Composers Orchestra. Her video, ‘Breakdown, The Remix’ was the 2010 Vimeo Awards Remix Winner.

In 2011, Kasumi was awarded the Creative Workforce Fellowship. She also premiered "Happy Birthday Summer," a new work commissioned for the Cleveland Museum of Art. Kasumi is an Associate Professor and Motto Chair at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Her latest project, Shockwaves, is an experimental, feature-length film.

Survival Kit wonders “Who is Deborah Ellen Shore?”
by Alex Taghian

EXPLORING the former Westinghouse Electric Building on the eastside of Cleveland, artist Dave Desimone stumbles upon hundreds of Kodak slides scattered across the floor among broken computers and tires. These photographs were not here before. Gathering them, he assumes they are images related to the site. He takes them home and scrutinizes, at first simply attracted to their composition. They are in fact, remarkably out of place: family vacation photographs taken by a Mrs. Debbie Ellen Shore, carefully catalogued by hand between 1960 and 1965.

Why were they discarded in this obscure location? Why are these memories, painstakingly arranged, haphazardly scattered among trash in an abandoned building? Who is Deborah Ellen Shore? Desimone gathers a roster of artist and friends who together navigate these questions by re-imaging and fabricating images, scenes, and literature surrounding Debbie Ellen, her family, and fragments of her life.

George Maurersberger
USA Leather and other drawings

November 16 - January 5, 2013
Opening Reception: Friday, November 16 from 5 – 8pm

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based on these found snapshots. Together the artists fashion an exhibition that constructs an informed yet fictional narrative. The end display becomes a cross between an art exhibit, theater set, and hall of artifacts that is simultaneously familiar and strange. Searching for the elusive meaning surrounding our personal history, mortality, and legacy, the looming question behind “Who is Deborah Ellen Shore?” is actually, “will anyone care what we leave behind?” Who Is Deborah Ellen Shore? September 21–October 19

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All Things Considered and rust belt (re)visions at Kokoon

All Things Considered
September 21–December 22, 2012
To celebrate the remaining months of 2012, Kokoon Arts Gallery presents the finest work by our historic and contemporary artists. Brilliant watercolors depict the early Twentieth Century travels of Cleveland school artists Henry Keller, Frank Wilcox, and Paul Travis. Animal life is rendered in bronze and enamel by Larry Isard and Mary Wawryko, as well as the watercolors of William E. Scheele. Beautiful stone specimens are sensuously manipulated by Chuck Herndon. Innovations in printing techniques are explored from the 1960s through the present by Ralph Woehman, Karen Kunc, Darren Waterston, and Greg Little. Mystical and spiritual images emerge in the work of Emie Horvath, Alfredo Arreguin, Susan Squires, and Gary Spinosa. Functional ceramics are raised to new heights by Donna Webb and Andrea LeBlond. Michael Prunty, Jeff Biggar, Melissa Harris, and Debra Sue Solecki all take different approaches to our environments through painting and photography.

Rust belt (re)visions
September 21–November 10, 2012
 Randall Tiedman’s paintings will be exhibited in Hilary Gent’s gallery and Michael Nekic’s computer graphics in the West Hall Gallery. Anne Trubek and Richey Piparanin will present a book release and signing of Rust Belt Chic: The Cleveland Anthology. Northeast Ohio is an incredible mix of lush forests and farmlands interrupted by urban industrial areas in various states of decay and renewal. Tiedman’s grand, sweeping landscapes are concocted from a lifetime of memories, painted to classical music. Nekic’s magical, otherworldly images are created in Photoshop and various graphics programs. In traditional and digital media, they provide vastly different visions of our environs.

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Red Hot: Abstract Expressionist Paintings of James Johnson at Tregoning and Co.

by Bill Tregoning

STEPPING into Tregoning & Co’s exhibit Red Hot transports the viewer back in time to the heyday of Abstract Expressionism with the works of James Johnson. In the late 1950s, Johnson moved with his wife Marjorie and their new born son from Berkeley California to Painesville, Ohio. There, Johnson threw himself completely into Abstract Expressionism creating works that evolved directly from his earlier still-life paintings and his emotional struggle with his past. Born in 1925, his father abandoned him when Johnson was around the age of five. He continued to have a distant and tumultuous relationship with his mother and stepfather who showed preference to his half-brother. Johnson lied about his age in order to join the Navy and leave behind a fractured family life. At seventeen he found himself on a mine sweeper in the Mediterranean Sea during World War II. His ship had a close call after hitting a mine, however it did not detonate and the crew passed safely. The experience left an impact on him that he would continue to contemplate throughout his life.

After the war, Johnson returned to New York City in 1949 and enrolled at the Art Students League where he studied under Reginald Marsh. While Marsh instilled a sense of Social realism into Johnson’s work, his studio was located next to that of Jackson Pollock. Soon, Johnson enrolled at the University of Illinois where he met Richard Diebenkorn. The influence Diebenkorn had on Johnson’s ideas and paintings was profound. He soon began to abstract his still life arrangements in multiple works that each became more abstract and reductive.

However, Johnson grew frustrated with his professors and their particular views on art. He left the program and moved with Marjorie to Berkeley, California in 1953. Diebenkorn would stop by during visits to the area and continue to discuss the development of Abstract Expressionist concepts. Johnson continued to work in a realistic style but further explored abstraction in oils. Francis Carmody noted in an interview that there appeared to be an aspect of violence in the work. Johnson acknowledged the observation, “What I may be destroying at this particular time is something that is much more of myself than the thing that I leave is of Braque or Matisse or Picasso, but these great men exist and it’s my problem to overcome whatever influence they have in a destructive and creative manner.” Through hastily drawn lines that alluded to this sense of violence, Johnson would feel both the work and himself calm to a point in which the completed painting expressed a sense of serenity. Johnson was well read on art theory, and particularly the writings of Hans Hoffman. He interpreted and adapted what he had read into the work he created by placing quickly executed multi-layered calligraphic structures of paint in red, blue, yellow, and olive with thick textured coats of black and grey. The complex layers of paint were covered over and reduced with the use of black paint in a similar way in which he removed objects in his still life paintings. Johnson makes use of sgraffito, scratching into the paint surface, as well as splattering paint in drips of motion finding in the experience of painting a relationship between the surface and an inner mental landscape. He spoke of his method that ‘painting is an organic process which feeds on plastic memories and the excitement of an adventurous accident solidified in the final state of decision.’ After the move to Northeast Ohio, Johnson found that proximity of Painesville to Cleveland gave him access to a variety of galleries. He soon made connections with Howard Wise, owner of the Howard Wise Gallery of Present Day Art. Unlike many other local artists, Johnson was already working fully in the style having come out of the New York School, and then being surrounded by the San Francisco Bay area Abstract Expressionists. This gave Johnson the advantage of authenticity and a sense of belonging to the movement that other artists often struggled with. Impressed by Johnson’s new paintings, Wise decided gave him a one-man show of grey monochrome compositions in 1959. The Cleveland Plain Dealer art critic Paul B. Metzler wrote that the work “recalled some of the greatest Chinese pictorials,” and that they reflected the influences of de Kooning, Franz Kline, and Clyford Still.

Johnson’s reputation as a painter grew in Northeast Ohio, and soon the artist’s abstractions became looser and more vibrant with the limited palette consisting of large sections in black, white, and red. However, an unrest stirred within him. In 1962, he abruptly left his wife and children to return to New York City. After the move, Johnson increasingly became less involved with his work. He began to feel less satisfaction in painting, and his output slowed as he started thinking and talking about his chil- dren and his own father’s abandonment more often. He started working on paintings that were void of all color. Large black masses crowded out the whiteness of the canvas barely able to peek through. Collectors of his work from Painesville traveled to New York for a studio visit, but did not respond to the new pieces. Shortly after, Johnson ceased painting altogether.

In November of 1963, Johnson began to work on new paintings that were smaller and allied to a continuous movement off the edges of the canvas. On the brink of an artistic breakthrough, Johnson’s life was cut short on December 9th at the age of 37 in a tragic accident while riding his motorcycle — not even a full month after actualizing the new work. The paintings of Johnson’s at Tregoning & Co. catalog the time he spent in Northeast Ohio exploring the First American avant-garde. It was there that Johnson found his artistic voice and gave this region a significant contribution to its artistic heritage. The exhibit, Red Hot, has been extended through September 29th. **Red Hot**

Through September 29, 2012

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Paintings are available for viewing and purchase through September 29th, 2012.

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Johnson’s reputation as a painter grew in Northeast Ohio, and soon the artist’s abstractions became looser and more vibrant with the limited palette consisting of large sections in black, white, and red. However, an unrest stirred within him. In 1962, he abruptly left his wife and children to return to New York City. After the move, Johnson increasingly became less involved with his work. He began to feel less satisfaction in painting, and his output slowed as he started thinking and talking about his children and his own father’s abandonment more often. He started working on paintings that were void of all color. Large black masses crowded out the whiteness of the canvas barely able to peek through. Collectors of his work from Painesville traveled to New York for a studio visit, but did not respond to the new pieces. Shortly after, Johnson ceased painting altogether.

In November of 1963, Johnson began to work on new paintings that were smaller and allied to a continuous movement off the edges of the canvas. On the brink of an artistic breakthrough, Johnson’s life was cut short on December 9th at the age of 37 in a tragic accident while riding his motorcycle — not even a full month after actualizing the new work. The paintings of Johnson’s at Tregoning & Co. catalog the time he spent in Northeast Ohio exploring the First American avant-garde. It was there that Johnson found his artistic voice and gave this region a significant contribution to its artistic heritage. The exhibit, Red Hot, has been extended through September 29th. **Red Hot**

Through September 29, 2012

by Henry Adams

WHILE not very well-known today outside of Cleveland, Frank Wilcox was one of the great virtuosos in the history of American watercolor and was often described as such in articles written during his lifetime. This October and November, Tregoning & Co. will present a fascinating chunk of his achievement: a group of watercolors of France and particularly of Paris in the closing years of La Belle Époque.

It’s not that rare, of course, to find paintings of Paris from this period. But the comprehensiveness of Wilcox’s view of Paris is something I’ve never encountered before: more than one hundred small watercolors detailing varied aspects of the life of the city—artists sketching at La Grande Chaumière, the laundries along the Seine, mattress stuffers beneath the Pont Neuf, workmen with horses and carts, pretty girls strolling in the street, the city’s architectural marvels such as Notre Dame, Les Invalides and the Eiffel Tower, and many other subjects. Taken as a group, they’re an amazing record of a golden moment in human history when Europe was at peace, when France was prosperous, when everything was picturesque, and when one of every seven people in Paris was an artist.

In Wilcox’s career they’re notable works. They mark his shift from earnest student to mature master, and set the course of the rest of his career. As he later wrote of these watercolors, “My life’s work grew out of that year’s effort.”

Frank Wilcox was born on old Genesee Street in Cleveland, Ohio in 1887. His father Frank senior was a prominent Cleveland attorney. His mother came from a farming family in Brecksville, where the family retained a farm, and both parents traced their lineage to New England families that had settled in the Western Reserve. Wilcox’s older brother, lawyer and publisher Owen N. Wilcox, had a distinguished career as president of the Gates Legal Publishing Company, also known as The Gates Press. His younger sister Ruth Wilcox became a respected librarian.

Wilcox graduated from Central High School in 1906 and then attended the Cleveland School of Art from 1906 to 1910, where he studied under Frederick Gottwald, Herman Henry Keller. Interestingly, he seems to have encountered no family resistance to a career in art, for his father, although a lawyer by practice, was a poet by temperament, and had many friends who were writers or illustrators for the Cleveland newspapers. It was surely Keller, the most forward-looking of the group, and the most engaging personality, who was the greatest influence.

Equally as important as Wilcox’s formal study at the Cleveland School of Art were the much more informal summer classes in outdoor landscape with Henry Keller in Berlin Heights, Ohio, where a colony of artists—including Grace Kelly, Billy Eastman and Carl Broom—formed a serious painting group, but also had time for games, excursions and fun. Wilcox was the first of the group to go to Europe, doing so with funds provided by his family. While in France he managed to place one of his watercolors in the French salon; and on the strength of this a group of his father’s former law partners agreed to ante up a small sum of money to be paid for later in works of art. On the strength of this windfall, Wilcox was able to extend his trip a few months, and make an excursion to Italy. Interestingly, while Paris was filled with art schools, Wilcox avoided taking lessons, aside from attending occasional evening life classes, where, apparently without instruction, he was able to draw from the model. What seems to have attracted him were the picturesque aspects of the place, which had a street life different from any American city. Unlike an American city, where work took place indoors, often in sites widely separated from each other, in Paris both work and social life were often pushed out on the street where they became a spectacle—a sort of urban theater. Seemingly every variety of humanity was on view: schoolgirls, workmen, priests, eccentric artists, small children, American tourists, and many other types. And work was constantly taking place before one’s eyes. Walking along the Seine, for example, one passed bookstalls, laundry barges, flower markets, and horse-drawn carts hauling cargo and trash. All these things became subjects for Wilcox’s brush. When he exhibited his work from Paris at the Taylor Galleries in Cleveland, in August of 1912, the response was enthusiastic. As a writer for The Cleveland Plain Dealer noted: “Enthusiastic visitors to the Wilcox water color exhibit at Taylor’s have done more during the past week than to praise the vitality and season quality of the pictures—they have left a bright scattering of red cards marked “sold” here and there on all four walls.”

Taken as a body, Wilcox’s early French sketches of 1910-11, provide an extraordinary record of a world on the verge of momentous changes. As Wilcox noted, the way of life that he recorded was never quite the same after World War I, something in the whole temperament of Europe grew more suspicious and defensive afterwards; and the same might be said of the artistic innocence of this period, when the pleasures of direct observation, the nuances of an artist’s touch, had not yet been supplanted by the more strident concerns of modern art.

While there are undercurrents of seriousness and discrete hints of class conflict in Wilcox’s scenes of carters and workmen along the Seine, these occasional allusions to social injustice are subsumed into a picturesque delight in the beauty of daily activities, and the fleeting effects of weather and atmosphere. It’s not hard to be captivated by the uncanny sensitivity of Wilcox’s pencil and brush, the quickness and sharpness of observation with which he captured the passing scene as well as the venerable buildings that provided their backdrop; and as we absorb these qualities, we have a sharp awareness of a beautiful moment that has passed—though of course echoes of it remain even today. When he made these drawings and watercolors, young Frank Wilcox was an artistic innocent, with dreams of artistic triumph before him; and in a wonderfully complete way, not simply in subject matter, but in their artistic skill and artistic approach, Wilcox’s creations bring to life the magical period which is still known in France as “La Belle Époque.”

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Recognizing Excellence with Red Dot by Karen Sandstrom

If you’ve ever received an award that’s not-quite-suitable for framing, or chucked a giveaway paperweight that was all about the corporate logo, you might have wondered why companies throw good money after bad swag.

Commemorating achievement and loyalty is a business-world staple, but it doesn’t have to be done with boring “lumps of plastic,” says RED DOT Project Executive Director Christy Gray.

RED DOT Project, the nonprofit artist registry, helps link companies with artists who provide better gifts for honoring employees, customers and award winners. These custom-crafted objects have artistic qualities that add beauty to the professional meaning they convey.

RED DOT metalwork artist Chris Zielski has been one go-to artist for fulfilling these jobs, crafting stand-alone metal sculptures with or without branding information. “With Chris’s imagery — trees and woods and growth — there’s a conversation that can happen around it,” Gray says.

Among organizations that have used RDP artists for corporate gifts and awards: COSE, the Council of Smaller Enterprises; the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and Community Partnership for Arts and Culture. Sculpture, photographs and prints can be chosen or designed with imagery that reflects industry values or a Cleveland connection, for example. And local organizations like being part of supporting hometown artists. Such gifts are received with a gratitude those plastic lumps never inspire, Gray says. “It’s unique and special for that person.”

Do what you love by Gina DeSantis

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Screw Factory Artists Open their Studios by Gina DeSantis

The Screw Factory Artist Studios are preparing for the 5th annual holiday open studio. It will be held on Saturday, November 3rd from 12pm-7pm. This event began in 2008 with ten participating artists and brought in around 500 visitors. Five years later the event boasts over forty participating artists and over 3,000 visitors. As most of the converted industrial artist spaces in Northeast Ohio are located in Cleveland itself, this building is unique in its location in the “Bird Town” neighborhood of Lakewood, Ohio. It represents the largest cluster of artists in the city.

The studios house artists working in clay, glass, stone carving, metals, jewelry, fiber, printmaking, painting and installation. In addition to the open houses, many of the artists use their spaces as classrooms. Kristen Cliftel, Gina DeSantis and Matt Richards all offer courses in clay. Painter Martin E. O’Connor and glass fusing artist Daniel Pruitt offer classes in conjunction with CIA’s Continuing Education program. Many of the Screw Factory Artists teach outside of their studios as well, with information being available on the website. Open studio events and studio rental information is also available at www.screwfactoryartists.com.
No Pulp Fiction at Cleveland Artists Foundation

by Lauren Kangar

CLEVELAND-based artist, Tom Balbo, has garnered numerous awards during his 30-plus years as an artist, initially working in ceramics and printmaking with a growing interest in paper casting and pulp paintings. As his interest in papermaking grew, his work has turned increasingly towards expressing himself artistically in paper-related media. Balbo’s use of color and simple form along with organic flow are the keynotes of his inventive style.

In 2008, Tom became the Executive Director of the Morgan Art of Papermaking. In 2009, Tom became the Executive Director of Morgan Conservatory and Educational Foundation after he and other Cleveland-area and national hand papermaking artists noticed the decline of paper and book arts educational programming in the US.

On September 7, the Cleveland Artists Foundation will be opening its next exhibition, Not Pulp Fiction: Cast Paper and Pulp Painting, in collaboration with Octavofest 2012 titled Not Pulp Fiction: Cast Paper and Pulp Painting by Tom Balbo which will run through November 17. Not only will CAF feature a retrospective of Balbo’s cast and dyed paper works, but will also display various book arts by area Octavofest artists as well as the 5th Annual Art Books Cleveland ABCEDARIA Exhibition of alphabet books done by Octavofest participants.

Also coming this fall is CAF’s biennial collectors’ show of members’ favorite regional artwork Cleveland Collects, which will run from December 7, 2012—February 16, 2013. Please visit www.clevelandartists.org for more information.

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Morgan Conservatory Makes its Watermark

by Susan Kelly

THE MORGAN Conservatory is proud to be hosting Watermarks 2012, an international papermaking conference, October 17–20, 2012. Over 300 artists, arts administrators and educators, many of whom are members of the International Association of Hand Papermakers and Artists (IAHPA) and the Friends of Dard-Hunter, will convene at The Morgan Conservatory for this four-day event. The conference will include an array of papermaking demonstrations, lectures, exhibitions, and museum tours. You do not have to be a member of either organization to attend. Single day registrations are available.

We are engaging the entire city of Cleveland from the museums in University Circle to the Windham Hotel Downtown, to The Morgan in Midtown. Over 17 art exhibitions are being launched at area non-profits, galleries and colleges in honor of the conference. More importantly, attendees will experience the resurgence of arts and culture underway in our area that will ensure Cleveland continues to be a city of the arts for generations to come.

Watermarks 2012 commences with an opening reception on October 17th featuring acclaimed author Nick Basbanes as the keynote speaker. Mr. Basbanes is the recent recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in support of a work-in-progress, a cultural history of paper and papermaking.


Watermarks 2012 coincides with Octavofest, a month long celebration in Northeast Ohio of paper and book arts. In addition to the paper exhibitions, many libraries, colleges, and non-profits throughout the area will be offering special events during the month of October.

We’d be remiss not to also mention that the Morgan celebrates its fifth year with an annual Open House and Silent Auction from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m Saturday, September 22, 2012.

Featuring the Snail Mail Paper Trail—art created on Morgan handmade paper by local and national artists.Hors d’oeuvres, demonstrations, cash bar, and live music by the Moises Borges Brazilian Jazz Quartet. $5 at the door.

Once again Cleveland proves that it is the best location in the nation … now for the arts.
It’s Only a Paper Moon at Proximity

by Beth Whalley

From Laura Cooperman’s delicately cut paper installations to Kenneth Melendez’s bright and fantastical paper-mache Vejigante masks, the work is varied in its’ themes and sizes. Curated by Dante Rodriguez and Beth Whalley, the show represents a wide range of styles and processes—paper maché, origami, paper cutting, paper quilling, pulp sculpture, and paper sculpture. Additional artists include Patricia Alvarez Leon, Tom Blabco, Angela Bohley, Lisa Cheng, Rachel McPherson, Ana Luisa Sanchez, and Robin Van Lear.

Also coming up this fall, Proximity is pleased to host At the Hot Seat from October 12–27 as part of the Watermarks papermaking conference, in cooperation with The Morgan Conservatory. In the Hot Seat confronts issues of social and political importance and seeks to celebrate the diversity of such work in contemporary paper arts.

There is always something missing when an artist portrays a place visited during vacation or sabbatical. And there is often something spectacularly present when an artist’s work responds to the cultural and visual landscapes with which they identify. The best of these works have a way of becoming insistent in the culture, forever shaping how everyone understands that landscape. This fall, three exhibits at William Busta Gallery present the artists work in response to the place they call home.

Dexter Davis’ work responds to the materials and vocabularies of his own richly-textured urban neighborhoods. His current work is more abstracted than his last exhibit at the gallery in January of 2011. Still, he builds imagined structures, using the symbolic vocabulary he has created over the past two decades. His piece, Body Face imposes targets and masks; in Who Goes There, a human figure is suggested with piercing eyes, and palms printed directly from the artist’s hand; Food and Money contains repeated images of a human fetus, guns, adult faces, and currency.

Each work is a mixture of media. A signature characteristic is the use of woodcut prints, which he creates, then tears, pasting as both underlying and overlaying form. He also tears and collages found paper—anything from advertising circulars to floral wallpaper—and even his painting and drawing itself.

Hildur Ásgeirsdóttir Jónsson was born in Iceland. She has a home there, but her visits are not for painting; that occurs in her Cleveland Heights studio. In Iceland she attends to children, socializes with family and opens her artistic perception to the extraordinary landscape. She finds compositional elements in the colors and forms of glaciers, in the rugged profile of volcanic mountains, and even the striations of small rocks. She uses snapshots as a way of sketching. Perhaps this sort of detail can be found anywhere, and used to equally good purpose as a way of starting to paint, a structure to respond to and elaborate. Her paintings glow in the soft, unverifying, and seductive filtered light of the North. They shimmer, indefinite and profound.

An exhibition of STILL Life paintings by Timothy Callaghan opened the William Busta Gallery’s current location in 2007. The imagery was of objects in his studio, and scenes in his Saint Clair neighborhood. These paintings led to painting outdoor street scenes on Saint Clair Avenue. The series had a reduced scale, but intensified detail. After that he painted scenes of Cleveland at night, places he passed on his way to and from work.

Since then, Callaghan moved to a house in North Collinwood, and his current paintings are rooted in what he sees there. He continues in the still life tradition; that’s part of the freshness of Callaghan’s work these days—looking at the world as it arranges itself, and selecting.
As we wander the streets downtown, enjoy unique eats from the West Side Market in Ohio City, or take a bike ride heading west on Lorain, it is exciting to see the City’s recent and resolute investment in Cleveland’s public spaces. Within the last 8 months, construction on three incredible spaces has been completed and parks have reopened to the public. These spaces not only look much better than their predecessors, but they make it feel better to visit, live, or work nearby. Perk Park at Chester Commons, Market Square Park, and the Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, have been transformed into vibrant, inviting, green escapes in densely populated neighborhoods that were sorely missing this kind of space. The new spaces are bringing together our neighborhoods by providing a public gathering spot, unique public art, and thoughtful design that showcases the personality of each community. Christine Wing, a local artist, wrote a poem that was selected to be etched in pavers at the new Perk Park. The poem is a fun and playful nod to the past, present, and future of the neighborhood. The seven-stanza poem begins by quirkily calling out to passersby. I am the day’s delivery: squirrels in the inbox, a breeze on the phone. This is my space available. This is my train coming on. I am not your could-have-been. I am your can-do. Yes, sidewalker, I am talking to you.

In Market Square Park, artists Mark Moskovitz and Augustina Droze created furnishings and a 50-foot mural that represents what Ohio City has been and what it is striving to be: a neighborhood linked to the history of the West Side Market and to the future of the farm-to-table movement. Seating and eating areas are reminiscent of fruit crates seen throughout the market and a pair of gateway features are inspired by the unique orchard ladders found in the region’s many fruit tree farms. The mural, entitled BY HAND, features four large sets of hands painted across the wall. The hands belong to the artisans in Ohio City and are creating things which can be found in the market district. An overlay of woven aluminum will sit above the painted elements, evoking the feeling that the building itself is made “by hand.”

A few blocks down Lorain Avenue, the new Zone Rec Greenspace completed in August has delivered 22 acres of greenspace to the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood. The park has new play fields, baseball diamonds, a splash park, tennis courts, a dog park and has been designed and built with sustainable features to manage all storm water runoff on site. There are ecological elements like rain gardens, wetlands, and permaculture that connect the natural environment to the recreation areas. This was an important piece of the project since Zone Rec is located in Cleveland’s Eco Village. The Eco Village is a nationally recognized demonstration project that showcases best practices in green building, transit-oriented design, urban agriculture and societal inter-dependence. It is the little details that make these public spaces unique. It is supporting a fully collaborative team made up of artists, designers, city officials, local nonprofits, and community residents to ensure the personality of the neighborhoods is evident and that each element of these public spaces connects with the city’s history, culture, and vision for the future. In the end, though, each public space reaches its full potential when it is embraced by its users.
AS A LONGTIME resident of Brooklyn Center, I’ve been asked to write a perspective of Art House. After talking with energetic staff and researching Art House’s arts education programming and classes, I return to a moment that unfolded during a late June fundraiser. Experimental filmmaker Robert Banks created an interactive multimedia installation for this event. The set-up stretched from the interior of the Art House building into the parking lot bordering Denison Avenue. The improvisational work had a vital urban edge: stacked and clamped tables held a projector; a photo shoot was staged on the porch steps of a century house; interns and actors worked the scene.

In the midst of this excitement, three children came up the driveway to investigate. Within minutes they were sitting on the porch engaged in the photo shoot. Banks—a sensitive artist and natural teacher—directed, answered questions, and worked with these children in an unhurried way. It was clear from their expressions that they felt included. Indeed, they were collaborators.

It occurred to me that rather than exemplifying “neighborhood outreach,” this was a moment of “in-reach” --to the minds of three children, a special moment of nurturing and enfolding into the creative process. And Art House—with its belief in the ability of strong local artists to make arts accessible—had set the stage.

Art has a transformative capacity. It engages, reaches inward, and calls the mind to more exquisite perception and insight. This moment in a parking lot on Cleveland’s near Westside demonstrates that power: from grassroots comes magic.

Kim Bissett is an artist, teacher, a member of the Art House Board, and a 22-year resident of Brooklyn Center.

**Art House Reaching Out, Reaching In, Finding Magic**

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**Orange Art Center, Energized**

by Deborah Petter and Gina DeSantis

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THE BONFOYE Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings, Stephen Pentak: Persistent Image. Pentak’s oil paintings on panel and paper will be on view in our street level gallery from October 12 through November 10, 2012. We cordially invite you to join us for an opening reception with the artist, Friday, October 12, from 5–8 pm at the gallery.

Pentak’s serene landscapes radiate an inner light. Surfaces are built up of many thin layers of oil paint, pulled and crosshatched, one over another. Brighter under-layers gleam through shadowy upper layers, acting as the sun on the horizon, gliding over the edges of trees, lakes and mountains, on its way to the other side of the earth. We feel a slight disorientation; is it dusk? Is it dawn? There is something familiar yet dreamlike about these scenes. This questioning arises through the blurred effect of his technique and the ambiguity of the places he imagines. Pentak’s paintings are based on his maquettes; drawings inspired by nature but drafted with a conscious mind to the abstract. He is informed by his surroundings but holds fast to his freedom to create and invent space. The paintings have changed subtly over Pentak’s expansive career as he determinedly works in an extended series. This persistent image is a means to discovery; to exploring light and mastering the balance between representation and invention.

Stephen Pentak has a BA from Union College in Schenectady, NY, and a MFA from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, PA. Currently, Pentak is Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University. He has been involved in numerous solo and group shows across the country and has exhibited in Canada and Israel. Pentak is also represented by galleries across the country, including Kathryn Markel Fine Arts in New York City, Susan Street Fine Art in San Francisco, and Costello Childs Contemporary in Scottsdale. A four-time Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship Award Winner, he has also received various Arts and Research Grants from Ohio State University.

For more information about Stephen Pentak – Persistent Image, or other upcoming exhibitions, please contact The Bonfoey Gallery, 216.521.0778, or visit the company website at bonfoey.com.
Printmaking students from the Cleveland Institute of Art, with the aid of a heavy construction roller (FKA as a steamroller) created these approximately 4' x 10' large scale prints as their final project. It was the first such project at CIA, and to the best of our understanding, the first time in the region.

Students are shown here creating their collagraphic printmaking plates in the CIA print shop. They used luan plywood, as the base for their plates on which they built up a collagraphic relief over the next 2-3 weeks, using various materials such as sand, gesso, paper, board, construction silicon, metal, tape, cotton balls, and even flattened computer parts. Collagraphy is a relief printing process in which materials are adhere to a rigid substrate. The word is derived from the Greek word "kolla," meaning glue, and "graph," meaning the activity of drawing. The resulting print is called a collagraph.

The construction roller slowly drives forward and backward at least twice over this "print bed," and the print is "pulled." monumental prints with a steamroller

WHAT happens when a new faculty member in the Printmaking Department at the Cleveland Institute of Art decides not only to think outside the box but also move the class out of the studio into the parking lot? Barbara Chira proposed to Print Department head Maggie Denk-Leigh a risky project that became known as "The Big Squeeze," and after she laid out the plans, timelines and logistics, she got the support she needed to go ahead. The idea was for students to make large scale prints using a piece of construction equipment commonly known as a "steamroller.

Key was the identification and collection of suitable materials and equipment, in order to set up a "studio" outdoors and create large-scale prints not possible with traditional indoor presses. This included what to use to build 4' x 8' collagraphic plates, finding the right size paper with the required characteristics to stand up to the demands of a steamroller, damping the paper prior to the printing and creating inking and drying stations.

All this took place the last part of the Spring semester, when the ten students in this credit-bearing class were creating their final projects. There was very little wiggle room in the timeline, except for a one week rain date built in. The CIA Facilities staff were very accommodating, as were the Marketing people who help spread the word and document the event. The owner of the Parking Lot Maintenance donated the use of the road roller for printing day, along with the operator. A large part of the lot was closed off while other students joined including a few passersby from CASE to help and enjoy the energy and the spectacle of the day.

The plate is laid on the flat surface of the parking lot, the large-scale paper is gently and accurately positioned on top of the plate, and layers of carpet padding and a final layer of wood are placed on top, creating a temporary bed like you might find on a traditional printing press.

Student works from The Big Squeeze

Printmaking: Working outside your comfort zone

by William Martin Jean

Printmaking students from the Cleveland Institute of Art, with the aid of a heavy construction roller (FKA as a steamroller) created these approximately 4' x 10' large scale prints as their final project. It was the first such project at CIA, and to the best of our understanding, the first time in the region.
**ArtCraft Open Studio Show: Celebrating the fine craft of Downtown Studio Artists for 25 years!**

by Mark Yasenchack

**ARTISTS** have shared a co-operative studio on the 6th floor of the ArtCraft Building since 1987 when Cleveland Institute of Art graduates Andrea Seraliano, Susan Weir, George Bowes, Dan Postobnik, Angelica Pizo and Susan Gallagher first shared the 5000 square feet of empty space. Although the co-operative studio artists have changed throughout the years, the annual ArtCraft Open Studio Show has continued and is now in its 25th year.

The seed of what became the ArtCraft Open Studio Show was the Bohemian Department Store, an event from 1981 held in artists’ studios in the Tower Press Building. This was a collection of Cleveland Institute of Art students, alumni and teachers who had a shared goal of creating their own kind of exhibition experience for both artist and patron. Out of this grew the Art at Art’s exhibit at SPACES in 1982. The artists moved the sale as they changed studios before moving into ArtCraft in 1987, but they kept it on the first weekend of December. The vision and purpose of the ArtCraft Open Studio Show has remained the same and is two-fold. It is an event for artists and craftsmen, at any stage of their career, to exhibit and sell handcrafted artwork, and an opportunity for art patrons to see affordable artwork often not exhibited in area galleries.

An eclectic collection is gathered each year, from furniture to 24K gold jewelry, bold paintings, to vintage inspired beadwork, retro fabric handbags, hand knit accessories, tantalizing wooden objects, and painted unpainted brick walls create an immediate visual warmth for anyone who enters. Light pours in from expansive windows on three sides – to the west, a postcard view of the Cleveland skyline, to the north, the ever-changing mood of Lake Erie, and to the east, one of the city’s many ethnic neighborhoods. Surrounding us are inspirations and most importantly each other’s energy and creativity, we are continually motivated by this atmosphere of feedback, interaction and humor.

We are members of CAAW (City Artists at Work), and individually participate in many of the Northeast Ohio Art Fairs, and exhibit work in Cleveland area galleries. Every year, on the first weekend of December, we host our biggest event, with this being Terravista Studios 13th Annual Holiday Sale 2012. Featuring our own ceramic artwork, and the imaginative creations from 15 of our professional artist friends (some of the past exhibitors have included Kim Bartos, Deb Rosen, Kim Mettes, Laurie Hudson, Pam Pastoric, Gretchen Ciccotti, Kelly Palmer and Jan Mettel), we strive to present a wide array of quality ART.

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**TERRAVISTA Studios is located on the top floor of an old Cleveland Warehouse (formerly a cardboard box company), owned by landlord Bruce Madorsky, who has been a strong supporter of local artists throughout the years. It is currently the workspace for five Cleveland area ceramic artists/educators: Megan DoNld, Yamiko Goto, Andrea LeBlond, Lynne Norwood Lofton, and Robert Romeo.**

Thirteen years ago, Terravista Studios got its name from terra (earth/clay) and vista (inspired by the view). During this time, we have always been supportive of recent graduates of the Cleveland Institute of Art, offering studio space when available. The studio is in the heart of the newly designated Cleveland Arts Quarter, located in the Saint Clair/Superior neighborhood.

A wonderfully open and airy space, its high ceilings, textured wooden beams and unpainted brick walls create an immediate visual warmth for anyone who enters. Light pours in from expansive windows on three sides – to the west, a postcard view of the Cleveland skyline, to the north, the ever-changing mood of Lake Erie, and to the east, one of the city’s many ethnic neighborhoods. Surrounded by such inspirations and most importantly each other’s energy and creativity, we are continually motivated by this atmosphere of feedback, interaction and humor.

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FOR an architect, drawing a building is in many ways, simply a way to remember it properly. Sketching a building can be considered a way of taking notes, a visual diary of sorts. The sketchbook is, indeed, a daily companion and partner to an architect. Ask Peter Van Dijk, who will be the host for a special exhibition at Convivium33 Gallery this November. Sponsored by AIA Cleveland, Architects Draw is an exhibition concept which was conceived from Peter’s appreciation for what may seem natural but—in today’s age fixated on all things digital—is not. Peter reminds us that you won’t find the soul of architecture in your desktop. Great architecture can only derive from a uniquely human collaboration between the mind, the eyes and the hand.

The juried exhibition will include recent works in a variety of disciplines by architects and students of architecture. Peter, who spent a year in Rome on a Fulbright fellowship, will be featured as a special guest artist and will showcase his personal travel sketches from over the years. Peter is undoubtedly one of the region’s most respected architects. As he shares his personal drawings he reminisces. They are timetables of his life, and serve as reminders of his love for architecture and his discovery of the details not found in any book. A member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), in 2000 van Dijk was awarded the AIA Ohio Gold Medal, one of the profession’s highest honors. His legacy has touched so many individuals well beyond our region. The list of his projects is impressive, but none is greater than Blossom Music Center, the beloved summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra. The open-air concert pavilion flows with the landscape of the Cuyahoga valley. Completed in 1968, its legendary acoustics make Blossom one of the most desirable outdoor performance destinations in America.

Architects Draw at Convivium 33
by Alexis Banks

EACH June, Zygote Press invites a non-print artist to abandon his or her discipline and occupy the studio as Zygote’s Artist In Residence. In recent weeks, 2012 resident artist Johnny Coleman has worked closely with Zygote’s print coordinator Paul Rogers in our non-air-conditioned collective to experience fresh new approaches to his oeuvre.

Coleman is a sculptor/installation artist and Professor of Art and African American Studies at Oberlin College. He will be shifting gears to work in just 2 dimensions, creating a series of silkscreens and etchings. One composition from this series includes rubbings from the headstone of Lee Howard Dobkins. Dobkins arrived in Oberlin as a four-year-old, fleeing slavery. The little boy was too ill to continue from there, however, and was left behind with a family in town. He died just a couple of days later, and as such, he never had a chance either to travel on to Canada or settle in Oberlin. Lee and other individuals with connections to his flight from slavery will be represented in Coleman’s ongoing project called “Ghosts of Ohio.”

John Parker is another of the artist’s subjects. Coleman created photo etchings from photographs taken on site at Parker’s home in Ripley, OH., along with documents from the Oberlin College Archives. Parker was an enslaved man who purchased his own freedom and set up a foundry on the banks of the Ohio River. Later, Parker would secretly row over to Kentucky to bring escaping fugitives to Ohio. Parker eventually sent two of his sons to Oberlin College.

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The exhibit resulting from Coleman’s time at Zygote—Some Spirits: The Free Side of the River opened at Zygote on Sept. 7th. An additional artist talk is scheduled for Sept. 13th from 6:30–8pm. The exhibit continues through October 6.

Coleman explores a separate project over at The Sculpture Center as a rumination upon the migration of African Americans into this region. (See Sculpture Center’s CAN listing)

Coleman won’t be the only one occupying Zygote’s shop this fall, but will be joined by artists Tina Wihliltr & Heike Wadewitz (our Ohio Arts Council Dresden Exchange artists from Dresden, Germany) and Ivan Andres Lecaros Correa, a printmaker and Master Printer from Santiago, Chile. Ivan will be our resident artist for three months as part of the Cleveland Foundation’s Creative Fusion program. All artists will exhibit their work in the Foreign Affairs Exhibition on October 13th from 1-3 pm.

In November, we welcome Zygote’s winter resident artist Bec Young. Young is a printmaker and member of the Justseeds artist cooperative (justseeds.org) of Pittsburgh. She will be creating new work and exhibiting in Zygote’s labor-oriented show The New Deal Updated, which opens on November 2nd alongside works of Claudio Orsoglione, and other New Deal selections from the collections of William Busta, Rachel Davis and Tom Sodders.

Occupying Zygote Press
by Liz Musgrove

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Beauty: Media Obsessions, Commercial Constructions by Tom Orange

BRANDT Gallery’s Fall 2012 season relies upon deliberation and coincidence, as one artist’s documentary obsession with a long-time local news anchorwoman gives way to a collaborative exploration of commercial constructions of feminine beauty.

Dana Depew
The Wilma Smith Project
September 8–October 6
Having grown up on a farm in Medina in the 1980s, Dana Depew essentially grew up with Wilma Smith. Since 1977, Wilma has provided northeast Ohio with the daily news and earned ten local Emmys—quite an accomplishment as so many anchors have come and gone. Yet Wilma remains, a fact that leads to a body of work paying homage to her continued service.

Dana has a daily attire serves as subject matter for several works. She states she is aware that people watch every day to see what necklace she has on, and she has fun trying to find new ones. “It’s an easy way to change an outfit. Clothes are expensive and you usually only see from the waist up anyway. It could be the same blouse or the same suit, but the necklace is different.” This exhibit will consist of works loosely based on her daily accessories, as well as paying homage to the notion of celebrity with a hometown feel.

Michelle Marie Murphy and Cynthia Penter
Perceptual Beauty
October 12–November 3
What contemporary media culture continues to broadcast as acceptable in female appearance gives these artists material to examine the motivations of the wearer and the observer of beauty standards, treatments, and products. This multimedia exhibit explores opposing positions in the relationship between consumption and rebellion of these ideals. Producing macro close-ups of the adorned, treated body and beauty “tools,” Murphy and Penter shift the gaze from the female as a subject to over-the-counter beauty maintenance products. The repeated forms magnify the subject, creating optical plays for the viewer to discern. The resulting images blend perceptual space and our cultural space, revealing the image of beauty as both an idealized abstraction and socially constructed consumable obsession. The subject matter will center around the female body image and perception, both personal and social that affect one’s sense of self.

To preserve the heritage of our Archived members, the AAWR created the Legacy Society in 2011. Founded by Archived Artist Ron Joranli’s (1935 - 2008) son David, and Board-President Herb Ascherman, the Legacy Society is an auxiliary comprised of family and friends of Archived Artists, AAWR members, and all those interested in preserving Ohio’s artistic heritage.

THE ARTISTS
Archives of the Western Reserve (AAWR) is a unique archival facility created to preserve representative bodies of work by Ohio visual artists. Through ongoing research, exhibition, and educational programs, the AAWR actively documents and promotes this cultural heritage for the benefit of the public.

“Titulus,” “Memorialis,” “Remembrance” are words not always associated with artists. With these goals in mind, we invite members of the Cleveland art community to visit the Archives at 1834 East 123rd St. in Cleveland to discover and share Northern Ohio’s artistic legacy.

Visit our website at www.artistsarchives.org for photographs and additional information.
Cleveland Arts Prize Announces “Live” Events

FOR 52 years, the Cleveland Arts Prize has been honoring the very best creative artists in Northeast Ohio. In recent years CAP has expanded its mission to also include the promotion of those artists.

CAP has just announced the artists who will participate in its 2012-2013 series of five “Arts Prize Live” events. These small group gatherings provide an opportunity for between 20 and 40 people to meet the Arts Prize winner and learn about his/her work.

The schedule for this season is:

- Thursday, October 25, 6:00–8:30PM
  - Zygote Press Printmaking Extravaganza

with Amy Casey (CAP 2009), Liz Maugans (CAP 2012) and Belainactive (CAP 2012)

Tuesday, October 30, 7:00–9:00PM
  - “Conversations from the Harp” with Yolanda Kondonassis (CAP 2011) at the home of Robert Maschke (CAP 2011)

January 17, 2013, 5:00–6:30PM
  - Reception and concert by El Sistema@ Garie Waltzer: Photographing Cities—a methodology

January 30, 2013, 7:00–9:00PM
  - Garie Waltzer: Photographing Cities—a methodology

To purchase a ticket for either of the October Arts Prize Live events, send a check to the address below. To reserve a space for an event for other events, send an email to info@clevelandartsprize.org. Tickets cannot be purchased on CAP’s website!

Lunch with an International Flavor at CIA

THE CLEVELAND Institute of Art’s “Lunch on Fridays” (LOF) provides a nexus point between the Institute’s internal community and the general public. An ongoing series, LOF programming includes talks, performances, and other events originating from CIA faculty, alums, visiting artists, and scholars. As a venue, it allows creative thinking and work to be shared broadly. Jointly sponsored by CIA’s Liberal Arts and Foundation Departments, its events are always free and open to the public. Talks happen every Friday during the semester at 12:15pm in CIA’s Gund building—offering a set time and place where you can feed your head while munching on free pizza or your own brown bag lunch.

This year the Fall LOF schedule will have an international flavor. The series kicks off on Friday, September 7, with an opportunity to hear a conversation between Brazilian Artist Henrique Oliveira and MOCA Cleveland’s Chief Curator David N. Norton. A painter, sculptor and installation artist, Oliveira’s work will be featured as part of MOCA Cleveland’s inaugural exhibition Inside Out and From the Ground Up, showcasing MOCA’s newly designed building. Oliveira has made a name for himself creating works that expand the scope of painting beyond its traditional bounds. His large-scale installations literally break through walls, expanding and bulging into the viewer’s space. Neither the wall nor even the space can contain them.

Other speakers on the LOF schedule include the Cleveland Foundation’s Creative Fusion artists Guillermo Trejo from Mexico, (sponsored by Young Audiences); and Ivan Andres Lecaro Correa, of Chile (sponsored by Zygote Press); the documentary filmmaker, Case faculty member and tech guru Jared Benda with a report on his recent trip to Turkey; Dresden, Germany artists-in-residence at Zygote Tina Weihart and Heike Wadewitz; and South African/Canadian artist Belinda Haikes.

On October 12, Liz Maugans, co-founder and Managing Director of Zygote, will present on her life and career as an artist and art advocate. A dynamic leader of Cleveland’s rich print and paper scene, Maugans has long been a pioneer in establishing Cleveland-based residency programs as well as helping to create opportunities for local artists. This energy and commitment to the community is balanced by her commitment to her own practice. In addition to her work with Zygote, Maugans has built a reputation as a skilled and conceptually provocative artist in her own right.

In addition on Friday, November 9, former CIA faculty and Painting Program Chair, Julie Langsam, returns to Cleveland to discuss her career and work. Currently teaching at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers, Langsam offers a unique perspective on the Utopian ideals offered by the promise of Modernity.

The fall schedule runs from September 7 to November 30. Full details are available on CIA’s website, cia.edu.

Save the Dates:
- September 7
- October 12
- November 9

Lunch with an International Flavor at CIA

by Marcie Bergman

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The Print Club of Cleveland Makes a Fine Impression by Mary Kay DeGrandis

The Print Club of Cleveland is a member of the Print Club International, with a membership of more than 2,000 members. The club was founded in 1916 by a group of Cleveland artists and art enthusiasts to promote the study and appreciation of printmaking. Today, the club continues to fulfill its mission through a variety of programs and events.

The club’s annual benefit, the Fine Print Fair, is held in September and features fine prints from around the world. The fair attracts a diverse audience of collectors, dealers, and art enthusiasts. The club’s members also participate in educational programs, including printmaking demonstrations, lectures, and tours of private collections. The club’s members work to build the museum’s collection and educate the public about printmaking.

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Dancing in a Tight Embrace at The Sculpture Center by Ann Albano

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Drawing, Opera, Sculpture, Lithography in Fall Programming for Westlake-Westshore Arts Council

Since 1984, the goal of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council (W-WAC) has been to enhance and broaden cultural life in the Westshore area through programming that will result in awareness, education, and involvement in the arts. Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake.

The following programs open the 2012-2013 year and will take place in the Porter Room of Porter library.

October 16th, 7:30 pm. Secret Marriage, by Domenico Cimarosa on and students will perform arias from “The Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theatre

November 8th, 7 pm, artist Phyllis Fannin will give a presentation and lithography demonstration called “A Woman’s Journey in Print,” which will focus on two areas—traditional feminine issues and challenges facing families of deployed military. C

Cleveland is lucky to have an unsung force working for the greater good of the community: LAND studio. The non-profit quietly goes about its business, bringing teams together to devote themselves to the project at hand. With the goal of creatively and realistically “filling the gaps” in the public landscape, Ann Zoller of ParkWorks and Gregory Peckham of Cleveland Public Art joined their respective organizations in October, 2011. Having previously worked together on projects, they were aware of each other’s strengths and approach each idea as project managers with the intent of getting things done.

According to Zoller and Peckham, investment in key public spaces catalyzes economic development. LAND studio’s mission is “to create spaces and connect people.” Their role is to construct the team and complete the project for the greatest impact.

Some of their current projects include:
- the redesign of Public Square’s ten acres into a more attractive and unified space to welcome the city’s residents and visitors;
- ongoing work at Market Square, with its BookBox and BikeBox, along with the lighting of the “Guardians of Traffic” along the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge;
- the redesign of the mostly unknown Wendy Park, just east of Edge water Park, with its fabulous views of Lake Erie and the downtown skyline;
- Lake Link Trail, connecting Tremont to Wendy Park and Lake Erie (and eventually to the end of the Towpath Trail), providing a natural stormwater management system, and a walking and biking trail with amazing views.

Downtown Cleveland is booming. Demand for housing and redevelopment of old properties have caused an influx of young, college-educated residents. LAND studio stands at the core of Cleveland’s evolution. “It’s not just about an interest in art work,” said Peckham. “It’s also about a historical perspective, showing the layers of history in the city.”

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Watermarks international handmade paper conference comes to Cleveland

No matter how talented (or how much of a geek) you may be, you can’t really whip up a batch of iPads in the basement; the “I” in that product will never be “you.” But the “hand” in “handmade paper” could easily be the one at the end of your arm. Nothing but a mud pie is as personal or primal, as rich in history, or as recipe-friendly as a vat of paper slurry. Maybe you can’t check your email on paper made from, say, strips of your old army uniform (as were the works of art at the “War as Art, Art as War” exhibit, on view at the Morgan Paper Conservancy in 2009). But you can read in such paper emotions and experiences that connect back to the beginning of human culture. The only thing you need to plug in is your attention.

That’s at least part of what they do at the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation, which occupies a one-story brick factory building in a raw-boned neighborhood along East 47th Street between Commerce and Payne Avenues, just a few blocks from Hough. A virtual wasteland since the mid-century collapse of the north coast’s small industries, it’s not a part of town where businesses, or people, have tended to thrive in recent decades. But things are turning around, here as elsewhere in Cuyahoga County, and the Morgan is a textbook example of the way that surprising socio-economic transformations can come out of left field. Starting as a dream in cast-paper artist Tom Balbo’s eye in 2006, the not-for-profit has quickly become a key player in the rebirth and expansion of the local art scene.

This fall the Morgan, as it’s familiarly called by area artists and audiences, is making a bid for much wider public attention as it hosts an international paper-making conference. Starting in the 1960s, interest among visual artists in handmade paper has grown steadily into a major force in American art, forging ties with international paper-making communities in Japan, Australia, and elsewhere. Called “Watermarks,” the five-day affair is this year’s edition of the annual conference of IAPMA (International Art Paper Makers Association) and the organization Friends of Dard Hunter, both of which are at the center of world-wide handmade paper activities.

Last year’s event was held in Wonju, South Korea, and its 2012 presence in Cleveland is not only important for the city and its arts but for the much larger context of American fine art paper making. It’s also a bit of a homecoming for the city and its arts but for the much larger context of American fine art paper making. It’s also a bit of a homecoming for the much larger context of American fine art paper making. Interestingly, the Morgan has spun off a program that begins to look like a big-time trade fair: Watermarks has grown steadily from the moment it was first suggested six years ago—just about a year longer than the grow of mulberry trees, which have slowly taken deeper root in a plot behind the West 47th street building—have been growing.

Nurtured by Balbo’s personal encounters, an ever-expanding circle of well-wishers includes festival sponsors like the George Gund Foundation and the AmericanGreetings Corporation. The trees, which were originally donated by the University of Iowa, are also doing extremely well in their adoptive inner city micro-climate. Every growing season the bark from the latest fall shoots is used to produce another batch of durable, neutral pH paper. The Morgan’s artisanal papers made from mulberry and other materials are available for sale, and the business is steadily expanding.

Ballo points to a medieval-looking, peaked brick fire pit just beyond the trees, reconstructed from shards of whatever industry thrived here a century ago. “We boil the bark there, so we don’t need to turn on the gas.” Sustainable, green, warm and lovely in its own slightly steampunk way, the whole place is perfect as a welcoming hearth for travelers visiting northern Ohio.
**ASSOCIATED EXHIBITIONS**

**William Busta Gallery**
2731 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland
216.298.9071

- Melissa J. Craig, Jim Pernotto, Sally Mata: Artists Working In Paper
  October 10–November 10

**CWRU Gallery at MSASS**
11235 Bellflower Road, Cleveland
440.669.0797

- On Or About Paper
  October 1–November 2
- Northeast Ohio artists, Pam McKee and Paula Zinsmeister

**Cleveland Institute of Art**
Joseph McCullough Center, 1st Floor
11610 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
216.421.7000

- On/Of Paper
  October 15–December 8
  Curated by Maggie Denk-Leigh, Independence, OH
- Varied work of recent Morgan Conservatory interns
- No Idle Hands, Works by Denis Bookwalter
  October 15–December 8
  At the McCullough Center and the Gund Building

**heights arts**
2175 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights
216.371.3457

- In the Hot Seat
  October 17–27
  Curated by John Risseouew, Tempe, AZ
- Artwork in handmade paper that considers or confronts issues of social and political importance

**Judson Howson Gallery**
2181 Ambleside Drive, Cleveland
216.721.1234

- Marking Time and Mapping the Spirit: Two Artists of the Natural World: India Flint and Susan Gaylord
  October 21–October 28
  Curated by Laura Martin and Christine Mauersberger
- Paperworks
  September 7–October 20
  Curated by Andrea Joki

**Verne Collection**
2207 Murray Hill Road, Cleveland
216.231.8866

- Washi
  October 17–October 20

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**Morgan Conservatory**
1754 East 47th Street, Cleveland
216.361.9255

- Unless noted, exhibits October 2–November 25
- Closed to the general public October 15–21
- Jerry Rigged Curated by Peter Hopkins, Pownall, VT.
  Non-traditional tools and techniques for paper making
  Watermarks
  Watermarked handmade papers
  Kolossal Paper
  Large sheets of handmade papers hung from the ceiling
  FDH & IAPMA Juried Member Show
  October 19–November 25, 2012
  Works of 65 artists selected by jurors, Anne Vilsboll, Erica Spitzer Rasmussen and Tom Balbo

**Tom Balbo Galleries**
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- Exhibits October 2–November 25
- Closed to the general public October 15–21
- Paul Robbert and Others
  Robbert (1958–2008) exploring made paper art using pulp as a medium in its own right
- In the Field
  Paper made by IAPMA and FDH artists experimenting with natural fibers other than abaca or cotton

**The Wyndham Hotel at Playhouse Square**
1260 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
866.270.6768

- Paper Runway Conference Banquet
  October 30, 2012
- Runway event featuring wearable paper art and garments
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1410 East 30th Street, Cleveland
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- Hand Papermaking’s Innovative Printmaking Portfolio
  October 17–21
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**Convivium 33**
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SMALL MOMENT, BIG SPACE

There is no word for a space such as this, but until someone establishes said word, “atrium” will have to do. No matter. In here, insufficient words and spatial statistics slip away along with the rest of the world. Contradiction blooms from all points, starting from points within, such as your expectations. Instead of feeling daunted by the vastness, you are wholly absorbed in a setting so natural, you might have been born here.

You are inside. You are outside. This should feel impossible, but it does not. After all, the portals that dot the perimeter of where you are now lead to Cleveland’s great shrine to all things mystical, from a court full-up with knights in shining armor to no less than one hundred smiling Marilyns, each of which is exactly alike and completely different.

The dream’s quality of sound defies what’s left of your belief. Any other space this large—more than 300 feet long by 100 feet wide—and enclosed by stone and glass would be an aural study in echo and intrusion. But here ambient sound blends into the tranquility. The men and women fluent in the language of acoustics have applied their expertise so successfully that the shyest greeting from a stranger lands easily upon your ears. At once, this immense room delivers something completely unexpected: intimacy.

The last thing to strike you is a piece of art designed by two men named Hubbels and Benes in 1913, before the museum’s first visitor walked through the doors: the rear of the Beaux-Arts building. You have never given much thought to the back of the original Cleveland Museum of Art, but fortunately a man named Viñoly did. To that end, the formal mass of stone is now a sculpture in its own right. As with so many of the objects contained within the museum’s walls, you are compelled to connect with this venerable structure. But you are not in there, you are out here and you are allowed to touch this display. And touch it you do—with both palms open and gentle upon the marble, a prayer.

Your hands drop from the stone. You move to a bench surrounded by a grove of trees and sit, enjoying the rain as it falls above you but does not wet your skin. You wax nostalgic for the indoor garden court, with its lush fronds, and for the outdoor garden court, which always felt like a secret place, but you know both spaces live on somehow within this grand space.


The Cleveland Museum of Art’s new atrium, which covers 39,000 square feet and reaches 65 feet at its highest point, opens with a free celebration featuring presentations, music and dance, and hands-on activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 28.

The Cleveland Museum of Art
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The Lyrical Abstractions of the Late Ronald Carvell Meaux

Sifting through the evidence of life after a person passes away, art dealer Patrick Terenchin has found untold stories. So it goes with East Cleveland-based Gray’s Auctioneers, whose work for the June 27 auction of Meaux’s art drew international attention.

Gray says Meaux’s work fell roughly into three categories—figurative, often homoerotic paintings, proto-pop experiments, and lyrical abstractions, which have much in common with the abstract expressionist work of the DOs and 60s.

“Meaux’s lyrical abstractions express the pathos of an embattled, homosexual, African American man struggling with his identity in a Midwest city in the 1960s,” Gray wrote. “Featuring such fantastic titles as Bacchanale with Telepathic Window and The Metamorphosis and Influence of an Ancient Demi-God or Aphrodite Fingering Virginity, Summer 1965, his dynamically expressive paintings and works on paper are a revelation of the artist’s personal demons.”

Terenchin points out some factors in Meaux’s story that will resonate with artists living in Cleveland today.

“I think the work is the top rate: sophisticated, informed and honest. Perhaps most importantly for me, the collection represents the work of an artist with no audience and little hope of ever supporting himself with his work. This is not only because of race and sexual orientation. Geography is also a factor here.”

Of course, he acknowledges, the internet opens up the world to Northeast Ohio artists in ways they never could have dreamed of when Meaux painted most of those abstract works. Back then, however, Meaux wouldn’t have had many options.

“We have no evidence that Meaux ever exhibited,” Terenchin says. “No labels appear on any of the works and there is no information online or in any reference books. How does an artist stay interested in producing work without an audience?”

He did, however, recover a significant component of Meaux’s work.

Lucas says he removed nearly 100 paintings, about twenty of which he gave away to family and friends, and 40 of which were sold—along with a few dozen drawings at the auction. He plans to keep everything that’s left.

Ephemera found in the apartment indicate that Meaux was also a teacher, though Gray says it’s not certain whether he taught art or some other subject. Lucas kept a plaque recognizing Meaux for “Special Services to West Technical High School” in 1993. Another plaque recognizes him as a lifetime member of the NAACP.

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Meaux clearly is influenced by Abstract Expressionism that he was exposed to in the mid-1960s or earlier. Where he encountered it is anyone’s guess,” Terenchin said, perhaps alluding to the fact that the Cleveland Museum of Art didn’t have a commitment to contemporary art at the time, and MOCA—then known as The New Gallery—was only founded in 1960.

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“I think he was drinking and would get inspiration and start painting. I guess he painted in the kitchen because that’s where I found most of his equipment at. He had a table and one of those table easels that you pull up against the wall.”
The Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland will celebrate the much-anticipated opening of its 34,000 square foot building in University Circle with an exhibition called Inside Out and from the Ground Up. Featuring a diverse group of 13 artists from seven countries, and organized by MOCA’s Chief Curator, David Norr, the show is by design an exploration of the many ways in which contemporary art addresses relationships between viewers and constructed spaces.

It’s also assiduously conceived to trigger visual and conceptual dialogues with the dynamic architecture of the new building, designed by Iranian-born Farshid Moussavi of London. As Norr said, “The artists in our inaugural exhibition prompt us to consider how we physically and psychologically relate to the built world, layered with all of its cues and miscues. A common thread in the exhibition is vision and the body: being immersed in or excluded from spaces; the tenuous boundary between inside and outside, self and other; and the disorienting effects of shifting perspectives.”

Given MOCA Cleveland’s outstanding history of bringing to the city the prescriptive work of both highly celebrated and lesser-known contemporary artists, it’s not surprising that the show will continue that tradition by exhibiting works by big names alongside artists overlooked issues of race, social status, and unnoticed cultural distinctions of the African-American experience.

Another historical strength in MOCA Cleveland’s 44-year history has been the facilitation of firsts. Acclaimed British artist Sam Taylor-Johnson completed a monumental painting that will cloak three stories of the new building in 216.421.8671

11400 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

8 p.m. Saturday, October 6, 2012

MOCA also has a history of exhibiting the pinnacle achievements of many contemporary artists. In 2004, for instance, director Jill Snyder curated the exceptionally ambitious show “The Teacher and the Student: Charles Rosenthal and Ilya Kabakov,” in which Kabakov (arguably the single most important living Russian artist) created a seemingly classic retrospective of two entirely fictional artists, covering 1500 linear feet of MOCA's exhibition space. Similarly, Canadian-born, New York-based sculptor and installation artist David Altmejd, who was featured in the 2004 Whitney Biennial and the 2007 Venice Biennale, is creating for MOCA's inaugural exhibition his largest Plexiglas-encased piece to date. Altmejd has made various clear container works in recent years, alternately filled with orderly and chaotic arrangements of objects—from plaster casts of body parts to rhythmic abstract forms. He will also exhibit a brand new series of figurative works in plaster, which will be actually embedded into the gallery walls, explicitly subverting standard expectations of how art objects and gallery spaces are normally segregated.

Works expressly commissioned for the inaugural show include a series of photographs by Barry Underwood, head of the photography department at the Cleveland Institute of Art and the only Cleveland-based artist in the show. Underwood is known for creating photographic accounts of staged events in which he disrupts natural settings with artificial, brilliantly colored light.

For Inside Out and From The Ground Up, he produced a series of images of staged light installations set in the construction site while MOCA's new building was being built.

MOCA also commissioned Berlin-based Katharina Grosse to produce a monumental painting that will cloak three stories of the new building's elevator shaft, and will spill out into the nearby stairwell and the adjacent museum store. Artist Henrique Oliveira, who lives and works in São Paulo, Brazil, was commissioned to create an organic, cave-like structure from found materials gathered on the streets of São Paulo, posing dramatic contrasts to the sleek and elegant interior architecture of the new museum space.

While the design alone of MOCA Cleveland’s exhilarating new building is reason enough to celebrate the opening of its doors, the inaugural exhibition, Inside Out and from the Ground Up, will undoubtedly establish a new level of engagement between this region’s museum goers and the most challenging, invigorating, and ambitious contemporary art of our time.

Inside Out and From The Ground Up
David Altmejd, Walked Bejty, Jeremy Blake, Louise Bourgeois, Katharina Grosse, David Hammons, Jacqueline Humphries, Oliver Husain, Gordon Matta-Clark, Cory McCorkle, Henrique Oliveira, Barry Underwood, William Wilson, Jennifer West, Rachel Whiteread, and Haege Yang

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**EVENTS**

**Third Friday at 78th Street Studios**

With monthly mass openings, you might think 78th Street Studios could fall into a rut of just propping open the doors and putting out some drinks. But the truth is the galleries keep pushing themselves with new and ambitious ventures. For the Third Friday in September, Kenneth Paul Lesko Galleries presents the third iteration of its Cinema series, which selects works rooted in cinema—either specific films or directors, or the process itself. Meanwhile Hilary Gent’s gallery is evolving into something new, but in the mean time she’s working with Bill Scheele—who’s taking advantage of the space to show a collection of Randall Tiedman’s brooding industrial landscapes, as well as to host a signing party for Rustbelt Chic, Anne into something new, but in the mean time she’s working with Bill Scheele –who’s taking advantage of the space to show a collection of Randall Tiedman’s brooding industrial landscapes, as well as to host a signing party for Rustbelt Chic, Anne

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**CAN Journal’s Thursday Third Friday Preview Party**

You’re reading CAN Journal, so you’ve got a sense of how we feel: Cleveland’s Art Scene needs a voice, and we are happy to provide it. CAN is Northeast Ohio artists and galleries creating their own media. You can help this venture get off to a good start, by coming to CAN’s Fall 2012 Launch Party, a Thursday night sneak preview of 78th Street Studios Third Friday openings. You can check out what’s in store in some of the galleries elsewhere on this page. But on Third Friday Eve, you can mingle with the curators, artists and visual adventurers who have jumped in to the Collective Arts Network. We’ll have some food, and drinks, and some kicking jazz. All we ask is that you kick us ten bucks. It’s not much. And we’d love to see you it’s from 6 to 10 p.m. The entrance to 78th Street Studios is at 1305 W. 80th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

**3rd Friday at 78th Street Studios**

For information, call 216.631.2727.

**Dia de los Muertos 2011**

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**Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Commission Deadline**

In addition to offering legal services to artists and arts organizations, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts annually commissions a work of art to use in promotional materials and on the organization’s website. The commission is worth $500. Send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, title of your submission, medium, the type of digital file you’re sending, a short biography, and a digital image of your original artwork to: volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Committee, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 1301 East 9th St., Second Level, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, or email the same to joanne@cmetbar.org. Or go to cmetbar.org/vla/.

**Dia de los Muertos**

Skeletons parade down Detroit Avenue in the mid-afternoon to celebrate the Dia de los Muertos. In Mexico and countries around Latin America, the festival coincides with Halloween and All Saints Day, mixing elements of the pre-Columbian harvest festival with Catholicism. When the Cleveland Parade of Skeletons reaches Cleveland Public Theater, celebrants can feast their eyes on seven elaborate altars designed by artists, and even a recreation of a cemetery. Artist Ana Luisa Sanchez-Butte will design the main altar. Mark Jerris, Nina Huryn, and Ian Petroni will design the cemetery. Food trucks will converge. Jazz pianist Lawrence Minadeo, a mariachi band, and local folk and contemporary Latino dance groups will entertain. Doors are open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The parade of Skeletons starts at 3:30. It’s in Cleveland Public Theater’s Orthodox Church and Parish Hall at 6415 Detroit Ave. Free. For information, call 216.631.2727.

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On the Cleveland Museum of Art’s atrium, opening October 29, 2012: “The striking atrium will serve as the heart of the newly renovated and expanded Cleveland Museum of Art. It is our gift to the community—a free space for people to gather, reflect, and refresh before or after their experience in our galleries. We’ve designed the space to be flexible, allowing for a variety of programming ranging from art installations to performances.”

David Franklin, Director, Cleveland Museum of Art

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