

Thursday Evening Salon Series

You don't need to know a thing about art to enjoy the *Thursday Evening Salon Series* presented by the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey



JANUARY 15

Art for Changing the Global Environment

Presented by Kathy Bruce, Artist and Fine Arts Lecturer, MFA Yale University School of Art and Architecture. The international community recognizes the universal language of art as a powerful creative tool in helping our critically endangered global environment. You'll be educated and empowered as you look at contemporary artists whose eco-interventions address today's environmental issues.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



JANUARY 29

PoP: The Global Citizen

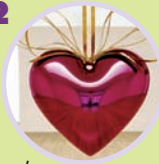
Presented by Mark Dean, Curator of First Look 2009 Emerging Artist Series exhibition PoP: The Global Citizen. Not quite sure what pop art is but curious to find out? Andy Warhol, Jim Dine and David Hockney will not be present, but you can jump right into the discussion as the curator and artists from the Art Center's PoP exhibition explore the current state of the pop art scene from L.A. to Dubai.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



FEBRUARY 12

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

Presented by Enrique Flores-Galbis, Painter, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey Instructor and Fine Arts Lecturer. Valentine's Day is almost here. Indulge with this special Valentine's presentation as Enrique takes you on a wildly romantic exploration of chaste and profane love as expressed in the visual arts by the lusty Goya to the prudish Poussin- with a few special Valentine surprises for the audience!
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



FEBRUARY 26

The Importance of Being Visually Earnest: Designing an Oscar Wilde Masterpiece

Presented by a member of the design team at the Papermill Playhouse (Millburn, NJ). Get an exclusive backstage glimpse at the detailed planning and creativity that go into the creation of costume and set designs for the Papermill's presentation of Oscar Wilde's well-known play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



MARCH 5

Contemporary African Art: A Curator's Perspective

Presented by Christa Clarke, Curator of African Art, Newark Museum. Contemporary artists from Africa have moved onto the global arena in recent decades, prompting new ways of thinking about African art. Join Newark Museum curator Christa Clarke as she surveys the current landscape of contemporary African art, looking at the range of artistic practices on the continent and in the diaspora.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



MARCH 26

Super Literature: Making Sense of the Comic Book Renaissance

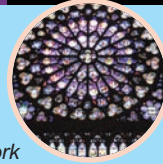
Presented by Adam McGovern, Comics Writer and Pop-Culture Critic. Is it a graphic novel, is it sequential art? No, it's a comic book! Explore how the colorful characters of comics tap into timeless archetypes, express subconscious political messages and spread outsider perspectives - along with what makes them entertaining and why you should care.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



APRIL 9

Fascinating Cathedrals

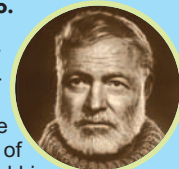
Presented by Jenny Reinhardt, MFA New York Academy of Art, Art History teacher Lawrenceville and Blair Academies, winner of Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Award. Drama, artistic expression, historical complexities! This dazzling exploration of cathedrals of the Middle Ages from Romanesque beauties to the vast Gothic structures of Chartres and Notre Dame, will have you mesmerized by the power of these fascinating buildings.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



APRIL 23

Hemingway's Cuban Son

Presentation and book signing by Raúl Villarreal, Artist and Co-author of Hemingway's Cuban Son-Reflections on the Writer by His Longtime Majordomo. Prepare to be transfixed by the story of the author's father - a poor young Cuban boy who grew up to be a friend and confidant of Ernest Hemingway and his family. Recollections and comments about Cuba pre and post revolution make for a fascinating story.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



MAY 7

How To Look At Contemporary Art

Presented by Winifred McNeill, Associate Professor and former Art Department Chair, New Jersey City University. Does contemporary art leave you dazed and confused? Do you wonder what you're looking at and what it means? Let Winifred McNeill help you see contemporary art in a new light. With guidelines for viewing any work of art, you'll soon appreciate contemporary art and discover what it means to you.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



MAY 21

Playing with History: Contemporary and Traditional Art from India

Presented by Katherine Anne Paul, Curator of Asian Art, The Newark Museum. Contemporary Indian art has exploded onto the world stage within the last ten years, but the work of these artists is steeped in India's complex artistic traditions and history. Ms. Paul will unfold before you the layers of Indian artistic legacies and surprise you with the connections between contemporary, modern and "traditional" art of India.
Fee: \$12 adults, \$5 High School/ College Students



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Sip a glass of wine or soda and relax in an intimate living room setting*

Be dazzled by experts from the wide world of arts and sciences - visual arts, performing arts, language arts, social sciences and humanities. Your hosts will include painters, authors, renowned arts lecturers, curators, philosophers and educators to name a few.

Eclectic in content and social in nature, the Salon Series is an opportunity for everyone curious about art to come together to learn, laugh and revel in the fascinating world of art and artists.

The dates for this second season of *Thursday Evening Salon Series* are January through May, 2009. All programs take place in the Eisenberg Gallery at the Art Center. Fees are listed with each event. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets for an individual program or the entire season, please call 908.273.9121, #14.

*Salon furnishings generously provided by Michaelian & Kohlberg, Summit, NJ

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Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:30am – 8:00pm
Friday: 9:30am – 4:30pm Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 4pm

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