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BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON AT MCA DENVER MIXED TASTE: TAG TEAM LECTURES ON UNRELATED TOPICS BEGINS JUNE 18, 2010

DENVER, May 13, 2010 – *Mixed Taste: Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Topics* is back again at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver (MCA Denver) and the museum is looking forward to presenting another season of the popular lecture series that has been attracting hundreds of people weekly throughout each summer since 2004. The 2010 *Mixed Taste* season will be as entertaining and educational as ever. Topics range from art and food to philosophy and science.

In *Mixed Taste*, the rules are simple: The first speaker speaks for twenty minutes, then the next speaker speaks on a completely unrelated topic for another twenty minutes, and then there is a question and answer session on both topics at the same time. During the first part of the program, speakers are not allowed to make connections between topics, during the question and answer session, anything can happen. With a diverse array of topics and guests, every night has potential for epiphanies, ironies, and unique insights.

MCA Denver continues its expanded 2010 season of *Mixed Taste* inviting visitors to join us for *Mixed Drinks* before the lectures, and *After Taste*, a gathering on the rooftop at the MCA Café, to close the evening. Visitors with families are encouraged to bring children along for *Mixed Kids*, art-making workshops for children ages 6-12 happening in conjunction with *Mixed Taste*. In addition, MCA Denver's Teen Council (TeCo) will present the second annual *Teen Mixed Taste*. TeCo is a creative and energetic group of local high school students who work closely with MCA Denver's Education Department to develop programs for teens.

Mixed Taste 2010 will launch on June 18th as we welcome Buenos Aires architect, Ciro Najle, and cocktail enthusiast and scholar, Jake Adam York, for an evening exploring Irrational Engineering and the Birth of the Cocktail.

Other 2010 season speakers include Bigfoot researcher Dave Johnson, *Wired* magazine writer Alexis Madrigal, banana scholar Dan Koeppel and many more (see full list below). The program will run every Friday from June 18 through August 27 with a not-to-be-missed special *Mixed Taste* on July 2, an open-air extravaganza featuring African Dance and a Motorama.

Times, Ticket Prices, & Parking

Mixed Drinks: 5:00–6:30PM

Mixed Kids: 6:00–8:00PM

Mixed Taste (Tag Team Lectures): 6:30–8:00PM

After Taste: 8:00–10:00PM

Tickets for the lectures are available for purchase at mcadenver.org or by calling 303 298 7554 ext. 200. Prices are \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members.

Special discounted parking is available just across 15th Street from MCA Denver for \$3.

2010 Lecture Topics

June 18 • Irrational Engineering & the Birth of the Cocktail
(Ciro Najle and Jake Adam York)

June 25 • The Alpaca & Nuclear Missiles
(Jane Levene and Charlie Simpson)

July 2 • African Dance & A Motorama
(Adjei Abankwah and Paul Andersen)

July 9 • Bigfoot & Carl Jung
(Dave Johnson and Nancy Wadsworth)

July 16 • Bananas & the Tibetan Book of the Dead
(Dan Koeppel and Simon Zalkind)

July 23 • German Expressionism & India Pale Ale
(Nora Burnett Abrams and Chris Katechis)

July 30 • Black Holes & T.W. Adorno
(Dr. John Bally and Henry Pickford)

August 6 • Dung Beetles & Leni Riefenstahl
(Frank Krell and Lisa Kennedy)

August 13 • Alchemy & Compressed Air
(Dr. M.E. Warlick and Alexis Madrigal)

August 20 • Time Travel & the French Situationists
(Bradley Monton and Patrick Greaney)

August 27 • Teen Mixed Taste

(Presented by TeCo)

Currently on View

Looking for the Face I Had Before the World Was Made

A museum-wide study on the metaphysics of portraiture featuring artists Samuel Beckett, Michaël Borremans, Eric and Heather ChanSchatz, Lorraine O'Grady, A.G. Rizzoli, and William Stockman. On view through May 23, 2010.

About MCA Denver

MCA Denver is a non-collecting institution acting as an incubator for art and ideas, artistic exchange, and dialog. As Denver's first institution devoted entirely to contemporary art, MCA Denver inaugurated its new environmentally sustainable facility, designed by David Adjaye, on October 28, 2007. The 27,000 square foot space, located in the Lower Downtown area, received the distinction of Gold level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). MCA Denver marks David Adjaye's first public building in the U.S. as well as his first contemporary art museum worldwide. In 2009, MCA Denver merged with The Lab at Belmar.

Presenting exhibitions of artworks by local, national, and international artists, MCA Denver has five distinct galleries, three spaces for education, one live art and lecture hall.

Museum Location, Hours and Ticket Prices

MCA Denver is located at 1485 Delgany on the corner of 15th Street and Delgany, Denver, CO. Tel. 303 298 7554. Museum hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10:00am to 6:00pm, Friday 10:00am to 10:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm. The museum is closed on Monday. General admission to the museum is \$10.00, senior and student tickets are \$5.00. MCA Denver offers \$1 off admission to visitors who come to the museum via public transportation. Children under the age of 6 are admitted free. MCA Denver hosts a quarterly Family Free Day, a day when everyone can take part in the museum experience at no cost.

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