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MIXED TASTE: TAG TEAM LECTURES ON UNRELATED TOPICS
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DENVER, April 28, 2009 — *Mixed Taste: Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Topics* is a popular lecture series that attracted hundreds of people weekly to The Lab at Belmar every summer since 2004. This summer, MCA Denver is excited to bring the popular series from The Lab to its own venue in downtown Denver. This program begins the incorporation of The Lab's renowned educational programming into MCA Denver after the two institutions joined forces under the expertise of new Director, Adam Lerner.

In *Mixed Taste*, the rules are simple: The first speaker speaks for a half-hour, then the next speaker speaks on a completely unrelated topic for another half-hour, 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.

The MCA Denver will expand the format of *Mixed Taste* in the 2009 season. Visitors are invited to join us for *Mixed Drinks* before the lectures, a *Mixed Grill* dinner afterwards, and an *After Taste* gathering on the rooftop at the MCA Café to close the evening. Visitors with families are encouraged to bring the children along for the debut of *Mixed Kids*. Children ages 6-12 can make connections between different topics through art-making activities upstairs in the museum's Fox Family Idea Box. In addition, Teen Council (TeCo) will present the first ever *Teen Mixed Taste* produced by a creative and energetic group of local high school interns who work closely with MCA Denver's Education Department developing the museum's ongoing programs for teens and families.

The 2009 *Mixed Taste* season will be as avant-garde and entertaining as ever. Topics range from art and food to philosophy and science. Visitors shouldn't miss a special night of Urban Parkour and Bollywood Dance when MCA Denver takes *Mixed Taste* to the streets in our own front yard.

To kick off the 2009 *Mixed Taste* series with a bang on June 5, we welcome the Honorable Mayor John W. Hickenlooper and Kirk Johnson, Vice President and Chief Curator at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, for a night of Show Tunes and Aquatic Plants.

The program will run every Friday from June to August. On September 4, MCA Denver's Teen Council will present a special *Teen Mixed Taste*.

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

Mixed Grill: 8:00–9:00PM

After Taste: 9:00–10:00PM

Tickets for the lectures are available for purchase at mcadenver.org or by calling 303 298 7554. Prices are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Season passes for all 13 lectures are available for \$100 per person.

Special discounted parking is available for \$3 for MCA Denver visitors to *Mixed Taste* and there is also onsite paid parking.

2009 Lecture Topics

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| June 5 | Show Tunes & Aquatic Plants
(Mayor John Hickenlooper & Kirk Johnson) |
| June 12 | American Alligators & Platonic Love
(Joseph Wharton & Maria Talero) |
| June 19 | Urban Parkour & Bollywood Dance
(Apex Movement & The Bollywood West Dance Troupe) |
| June 26 | Hot Sauce & Jewish Mysticism
(Adrian Miller & Rabbi Levi Brackman) |
| July 3 | The Stigmata & The Black Panthers
(Simon Zalkind & William King) |
| July 10 | Medieval Feminism & Atomic Time
(Elizabeth Robertson & Andrew Novick) |
| July 17 | Fractals & Vance Kirkland
(Nicholas Ormes & Hugh Grant) |
| July 24 | Greek Olives & Salvador Dali
(Shellie Kark & Elliott H. King) |
| July 31 | Stan Brakhage & Machine Guns
(Howie Movshovitz & Lt. Col. John Plating) |

- August 7 **Machiavelli & Molecular Gastronomy**
(Nancy Wadsworth & Ian Kleinman)
- August 14 **The Human Genome & Leadbelly**
(Lawrence Hunter & Jake Adam York)
- August 21 **Sylvia Plath & Snub-Nosed Monkeys**
(Michael Henry & Herbert Covert)
- August 28 **Absinthe & Artic Ice Caps**
(Erich Harbowy and Scott Leopold & Gifford Miller)
- September 4 **Teen Mixed Taste**
(Presented by TeCo)

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). The design of the building supports rather than defines the Museum's mission and demonstrates the Museum's commitment to sustainability. MCA Denver marks David Adjaye's first public building in the U.S. as well as his first contemporary art museum worldwide.

Continuing investment in exhibitions of artworks by local, national and international artists, MCA Denver has five distinct galleries, three spaces for education, multiple sites for special projects/commissioned works and one live art and lecture hall as potential sites for work in all media. These galleries and spaces have been envisioned as platforms for multi-level curatorial possibilities. The exhibition areas are thus seen as a curatorial rubric for interaction between artists, works of art, curatorial practice and interpretive dialog. Learn more about MCA Denver at: www.mcadenver.org

Museum Location, Hours, and Ticket Prices

MCA Denver is located at 1485 Delgany on the corner of 15th Street and Delgany, DENVER, CO. Tel. (001) 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 5 are admitted free. The first Saturday of every month is Penny Saturday, a day when MCA Denver invites everyone to take part in the Museum experience for only one cent.

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