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GATHERED III

Georgia Artists Selecting Georgia Artists



June 5, 2017: MOCA GA is thrilled to announce the recipients of the *Gathered III: Georgia Artists Selecting Georgia Artists* juror prizes for their work in *Gathered III*. Four winners were selected from the 36 participating artists and each received a \$1,000 check. Come see their work now through July 1st at MOCA GA!

Betsy Cain is a visual artist and prominent figure in the Savannah arts community. Cain works in a variety of mediums including drawing, watercolor, large-scale oil painting, and what she refers to as “cut-outs,” or sculptural paintings created on formed pieces of wood. Her work has been exhibited throughout the Southeast as well as New York and New Mexico including over 10 solo exhibitions and numerous group shows. Her work can be seen at Reynolds Square Fine Arts Gallery in Savannah, Georgia, The Florida Mining Gallery in Jacksonville, Florida, and The J Costello Gallery in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Cain’s work is characterized by her amalgamation of expressive abstraction and figuration, qualities apparent in her works, *Moss-Heads #2, 3, 4, 5* and *Drip-Head #1*, currently on view at MOCA GA.

Sonya Yong James is a sculptor, textile designer, and multi-media artist currently in residency at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center. Her recent work focuses on the duality of form and exploration of opposing sensations, often incorporating animal materials such as sheep wool and horse hair. This process of creating active tension through application of material is evident in her works *Entanglement* and *Nothing Gold Can Stay* currently on view at MOCA GA.

Amy Landesberg is a mixed media artist and architect based in Decatur, Georgia. Throughout her 30-year career Landesberg has blurred the lines between intimately scaled works, public art, and architecture. Landesberg has exhibited her work nationally and internationally including over 20 solo exhibitions. Notable awards and achievements include the National Endowment for the Arts/ Southern Arts Federation in both painting and sculpture, and the Moulton Andrus Award for Art and Architecture from the Yale School of Architecture. Her moving installation work featured in *Gathered III*, *Plasti Plast*, showcases her intriguing diversity as an artist.

Joshua McGowan is a photographer and graphic designer based in Baldwin, GA. McGowan specializes in darkroom processes, utilizing large-format photographic exposures to significantly alter images. McGowan received his BFA from Piedmont College with a concentration in photography and graphic design. His success in experimentation and design is apparent in his works *Study 6-5-7-4* and *Study 5-1-6-2-7*. McGowan will begin his MFA in Photography at Temple University, The Tyler School of Art this fall.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

To assemble an exhibition of the best work being produced by today's Georgia artists, MOCA GA placed a call for submissions from all artists residing in the state. For this exhibition, MOCA GA asked three diverse Georgia artists, Masud Olufani, Rocio Rodriguez, and Jerry Siegel to serve as the selection committee. The intent of this bi-annual exhibition is not to do a survey or to find a common theme, but this year the jurors were committed to showcasing not only the breadth of Georgia talent but also the depth of work through the selection of fewer participants but multiple works by individual artists. MOCA GA is pleased to present an exciting and thoughtful exhibition of work which embraces artists from around the State and at the same time fulfills MOCA GA's mission of producing programs that promote the visual arts and create a forum for active interchange between artists and the community.

This Exhibition features 58 works of art by 36 Georgia artists, selected from over 356 submissions and representing cities across the state of Georgia. *GATHERED III: Georgia Artists Selecting Georgia Artists* will fill all of MOCA GA's upper level galleries, including the lobby.

ABOUT MOCA GA

The Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA GA) collects and archives significant, contemporary works by the artists of the state of Georgia. To place its artists in a broader context, the Museum's exhibitions include Georgia artists and artists from around the world. MOCA GA's programs promote the visual arts by creating a forum for active interchange between artists and the community. MOCA GA is located at 75 Bennett Street in the MOCA GA / TULA Art Complex. Admission is free to members and US Military with ID, \$8 for non-members and \$5 for students and seniors (65+). For more information, call 404-367-8700, visit www.mocaga.org or email info@mocaga.org. MOCA GA is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm, closed Sunday and Monday and between exhibitions.