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July - September, 2010, Events at Plains Art Museum

Fargo, N.D. – Plains Art Museum, accredited by the American Association of Museums, presents an exciting set of exhibitions, programs and classes to kick off the summer season. Please call (701) 232-3821 for registration or event details.

Exhibitions

Through August 15 in the Jane L. Stern Gallery and the William and Anna Jane Schlossman Gallery: ***Individual to Icon: Portraits of the Famous and Almost Famous from Folk Art to Facebook.*** Examine the process of fame by exploring the role images play in transforming the unknown into the renowned.

Through April, 2011 in the Fred J. Donath Memorial Gallery: ***The White Album: The Beatles Meet the Plains.*** How do music and visual art connect, intersect, or speak to each other? This innovative exhibition offers fresh perspectives on the Museum's permanent collection by using the Beatles' 1968 album as an organizing template. Related events:

- **Wednesday, June 16, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Opening Reception.** Guitar pop singer/songwriter Michael Pink will play songs by (and inspired by) The Beatles, followed by a gallery talk from Museum Director Colleen Sheehy at 7 p.m. Museum members get in free, \$5 donations are greatly appreciated. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Friday, September 10. *Andrea Carlson: VORE* opens. Carlson draws from a deep well of influence and focuses on the shared significance of occurrences like museum exhibitions and exploitation films, each carrying their own distinct values in portraying culture. Carlson is a Minnesota native and has received the McKnight/MCAD Foundation Fellowship for Visual Artists. Her work has been shown extensively throughout the state of Minnesota and abroad.

Thursday, September 23. *The Photography Collection of Fred Scheel* opens. The collection includes 167 photographs by Frederick Benedict Scheel, a serious and accomplished photographer who studied with Ansel Adams and other notable photographers and amassed one of the best collections of photography in the nation. Related event:

- **Thursday, September 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Opening reception.** Museum members free, nonmembers \$10. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

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Rush Hour Music Series

- **Wednesday, July 21, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Patchouli.** Nationally touring multi-instrumentalists, Julie Patchouli and master guitarist Bruce Hecksel light up the air with sparkling acoustic sounds and their powerful contagious chemistry. Patchouli's intertwined voices perform original compositions on acoustic guitars, bass, marimbas, and percussion with notes of folk, worldbeat, flamenco and jazz.
- **Wednesday, August 18, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Nick the Feelin'.** Nicholas Mrozinski is a vibrant, dynamic and multi-talented singer/songwriter from Saint Paul, Minn., making music that connects with people on a deeply human level. His truly unique sound, typically described as "alternative soul-folk" or "conscious global pop" is passionate, intelligent, and captivating. His powerful voice, enriching lyrics, and liquid piano playing are the reason Skope Magazine calls him "an authentic artist of this millennium."
- **Wednesday, September 15, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Mike Swenson.** Swenson is a singer/songwriter originally from Bismarck, N.D. by way of wherever he happens to be. Growing up between big cities and desolate prairie, his music and poetry tends to bring a sense of just how crazy life can be. Mixing a blend of old country/pop with a bit of a modern folk twist, he keeps things original and often a bit humorous, leaving audiences with a wanting to know how the story is going to end.

The Rush Hour Music Series is sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio.

Social and Educational Events

July 9 – 11. Hip Hop Don't Stop 2010. After a wildly successful first year, part two of this collaborative program is bringing more art, dj's, beat-boxers, and emcees to the streets of Fargo with the help of some of the best aerosol artists in the Midwest such as EAST, EMIT, QUISP, JAWSH and DAESK. This is a FREE, all ages urban culture event featuring hip-hop music and the creation of a graffiti-inspired mural that will take place at 1101 1st Ave. S. (across from Duffy's). Co-presented by Plains Art Museum and Idehaus (aka EH945).

- **Friday, July 9, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aerosol Art Mural Creation** at 1101 1st Ave South, Fargo, N.D.
- **Friday, July 9, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop Don't Stop Discussion** in the Gate City Bank Presentation Center at Plains Art Museum. Graffiti artist extraordinaire EAST discusses his work and the development of the art form. Free.
- **Friday, July 9, 7 p.m. B-Boy Battle.** At the Hub Entertainment Destination (The Venue). This is an all-ages event with an after-party to follow. Judges: J-Sun, Seqal, and Stepchild from Minneapolis, Minn. Tickets are \$10 in advance from Tickets 300, \$12 at the door.
- **Saturday, July 10, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Aerosol Art Mural Creation** at 1101 1st Ave South, Fargo, N.D.
- **Sunday, July 11, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Aerosol Art Mural Creation** at 1101 1st Ave South, Fargo, N.D.

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July 12 – 15, 9 a.m. to noon. Summer Art Camp, “Rock Out with Art.” Campers will be inspired by the *Individual to Icon: Portraits of the Famous and Almost Famous from Folk Art to Facebook* exhibition and artfully express the rock star and diva in themselves. Expect the unexpected along with the paparazzi. \$110 or \$99 for Museum members. Register at least one week in advance of class by calling 701.232.3821 ext. 101 or by going online to www.plainsart.org.

Thursday, July 15, 5:30 p.m. A Tribute to Modern Man. One of Fargo’s living landmarks will be celebrated with an evening exploring his iconoclastic work and contributions to the arts scene in the community.

August 3 and 4, 1 – 4 p.m. and August 5, 5 – 8 p.m. “Finding People, Pattern and Place.” This collaborative art workshop aims to draw together a narrative using memories awakened by patterned fabric. Participants can contribute a piece of patterned fabric along with a short narrative about the piece, or assist in the creation of a fabric book using the contributed pieces. Contact Anne Greenwood at anngreenwood.net@gmail.com for details.

August 16 – 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Summer Art Camp, “See the Music, Hear the Art.” August 16 – 19, 9 a.m. to noon.

Camp leader: Marcia Dronen

For children going into grades 3 - 5.

Participants will explore *The White Album: The Beatles Meet the Plains* exhibition and learn how music paints pictures and colors sing, creating a symphony of artwork that can be seen and heard. \$110 or \$99 for Museum members. Register at least one week in advance of class by calling 701.232.3821 ext. 101 or by going online to www.plainsart.org.

August 23 – 28, Bikes, Art and Community Health Week. In cooperation with Island Park Cycles and the FM Community Bike Workshop, Plains Art Museum presents Bikes, Art and Community Health Week, a series of bike-related events that will be held in tandem with Streets Alive!, a community-wide event in which select streets will be closed to motorists and left open for cyclists and other human-powered travel. All events are free and open to the public.

- **Monday, August 23, 6 to 8 p.m. - Family bike ride from Great Northern Bicycle Company.** “Freak Bikes” ride from FM Community Bike Workshop. Both end at Plains Art Museum for the creation of spoke cards with Sara Watson Curry and Judith Feist ... and ice cream.
- **Tuesday, August 24, 5 to 8 p.m. - Bike Art Day at Plains Art Museum.** Pick up spoke cards from the day before. Ride bikes (provided by the FM Community Bike Workshop) through sidewalk paint and use chalk to create a unique, collaborative piece of artwork.
- **Wednesday, August 25, 9 p.m. – late. - Physical Challenge at Great Northern Bicycle Company.** Bike sprints, a bicycle tractor pull and more.
- **Thursday, August 26, 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. People-Powered Bike-In Movie Theater at Plains Art Museum.** Powered by a 5-seat bike named ‘The Mighty Quinn’, watch *The Triplets of Bellville* projected on the south side of Plains Art Museum
- **Saturday, August 28, 1 – 4 p.m. Bike Decoration, Safety Checks and Streets Alive! Decoration.** At Woodlawn Park in Moorhead. Create art on the Streets Alive! route, decorate bikes and have bikes safety checked by FM Community Bike Workshop.

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Plains Art Museum is located at 704 First Avenue North. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is a nonprofit, regional fine arts museum with plans to significantly expand its programs through its “Little artist in all of us” campaign. The campaign is raising funds for the Creativity Center for Lifelong Learning which includes the Fingerprints Interactive Education Gallery and working with Fargo Public Schools and other educational entities to build teaching studios. The campaign is also strengthening operations by enhancing the Museum’s endowment and visitor services.

Museum programs are made possible, in part, by major funding from members of the Museum, The FUNd at Plains Art Museum, the cities of Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo through the Arts Partnership, The McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature, the North Dakota Council on the Arts through an appropriation by the North Dakota State Legislature and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. More information is available at 701.232.3821 or at www.plainsart.org.

Images available upon request.

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