

Exhibitions and events for July – September at the Tucson Museum of Art. All events are located at the Museum unless otherwise noted.

## **Exhibitions –**

### ***Thanks for Being With Us: Contemporary Art from the Douglas Nielsen Collection***

July 17 – October 10, 2010

Working in a profession where the art is ephemeral and experiential, Douglas Nielsen, resident choreographer and dance professor at the University of Arizona, has amassed an impressive collection of contemporary art over the last forty years. This exhibition is a rare opportunity to see a large body of works by some of the most recognized American artists of the twentieth century including Annie Leibovitz, Herb Ritts, Cindy Sherman, Diane Arbus, Danny Lyon, Ed Ruscha, John Baldessari, Barbara Kruger, Bruce Nauman, Richard Serra, Claes Oldenberg, and Kiki Smith.

### ***Into the Void: Abstract Art, 1944 – 2008***

July 17 – September 26, 2010

Celebrating the diversity of non-representational art, this exhibition is a visual explosion of color, line, and form that expresses the vitality of artistic imagination in the search for a language of form. Included are lithographs by Bauhaus members Herbert Bayer and Josef Albers, Surrealist artist Alexander Calder; Spanish Art Informel artist Antoni Tàpies, and Art Brut artist Jean Dubuffet. Works by second-generation Abstract Expressionist painter Paul Jenkins and regional artists Nancy Tokar Miller and Jim Waid as well as Native American artists Fritz Scholder, Mario Martinez, Dean Narcho, and Emmi Whitehorse are also represented.

### ***Han and Beyond – The Renaissance of China: The James Conley Collection***

On view through 2013

This exhibition of more than 100 works of art from the Neolithic period (ca. 3,000 BCE) to Qing Dynasty (1644 – 1911) offers a rare opportunity to view remarkable objects drawn from nearly five thousand years of China's creative inspiration.

## **Events –**

### **July**

#### **Fourth of July**

The Museum will be open its regular Sunday hours (12:00 – 5:00 pm) with First Sunday FREE admission.

*Andy Warhol Portfolios: Life & Legends* and *¡Viva David Tineo!* have been extended until July 4 in honor of our country's birthday.

Sunday, July 4 at 1:00 pm

***Picture This! Art for Families: Making History***

Discover Tucson's unique heritage this Independence Day with examples from the permanent collection of what life was like in the early American west, and create your own mixed-media historical works. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years and their adult companions.

Saturdays, July 10 – 31 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Ceramics for Beginners**

For those students who have always been curious about clay but have little or no experience, this class will introduce the various techniques of hand-building as well as the potter's wheel. This four-week class will culminate with a raku firing. Clay and tools are provided. \$75 for members; \$100 for non-members. Registration form can be found at [www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org).

Friday July 16 at 4:30 pm

**Champagne Toast and Gallery Tour**

For Director's Circle members and sponsors **only** of the exhibition *Thanks for Being With Us*.

Friday, July 16, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

**Members' Opening Reception**

Celebrate the opening of *Thanks for Being With Us* and *Into the Void*, and stay for the BBQ and live music in the plaza. Members and one guest are free; non-members \$10 per person.

Saturday, July 31, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Summer Art Camp Exhibition**

Education Center

Please join us to celebrate works made by participants of the Summer Art Camp. The exhibition provides children with a unique opportunity to display their works in a museum setting. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Free

**August**

Sunday, August 1 at 1:00 pm

***Picture This! Art for Families: What you See is Not Always What You Get***

Examine what makes the inventive work of John Baldassari both unique and intriguing, spend a colorful afternoon using photographs and collage to put a twist on realism. John Baldassari's work is part of the exhibition *Thanks for Being With Us*. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years and their adult companions.

Thursday, August 12, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Open-House: Museum School for the Visual Arts**

Education Center

The Museum School for the Visual Art will open its doors for a preview of the 2010 -2011 school year for prospective and returning students. We welcome interested parents, guardians, and students for an informational session to learn about the academic and visual art curriculum, new class schedule, meet teachers, and tour the Museum School. No pre-registration required.

**September**

Sunday, September 5 at 1:00 pm

***Picture This! Art for Families: Tree of Life***

Learn about the Tree of Life and its Mexican interpretations inspired by works in the permanent collection of Latin American Art, and then make a group collaborative example. Free family program for children 6 – 12 years and their adult companions.

Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 am

**Memories in the Making Volunteer/Docent Training**

Education Center

Additional volunteer chaperones and docents needed! If you are interested in volunteering with this unique project consider attending this one half-day workshop and join an established group of dedicated volunteers and docents!

Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 am

**Prospective Docent Coffee**

Learn more about being a docent and how you can share your love of art at the coffee for prospective docents. Training begins in October. Free

Friday, September 24 at 5:00 pm

**Panel Discussion – The Creative Process**

Join internationally acclaimed California artist Raymond Pettibon; Tamarind Institute master printer Ed Hamilton; and art collector and University of Arizona dance professor Douglas Nielsen in a lively discussion about the creative process from three unique perspectives. Moderated by Julie Sasse, Chief Curator and Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. Free with Museum admission.