Character of Art

6 | Miguel Covarrubias



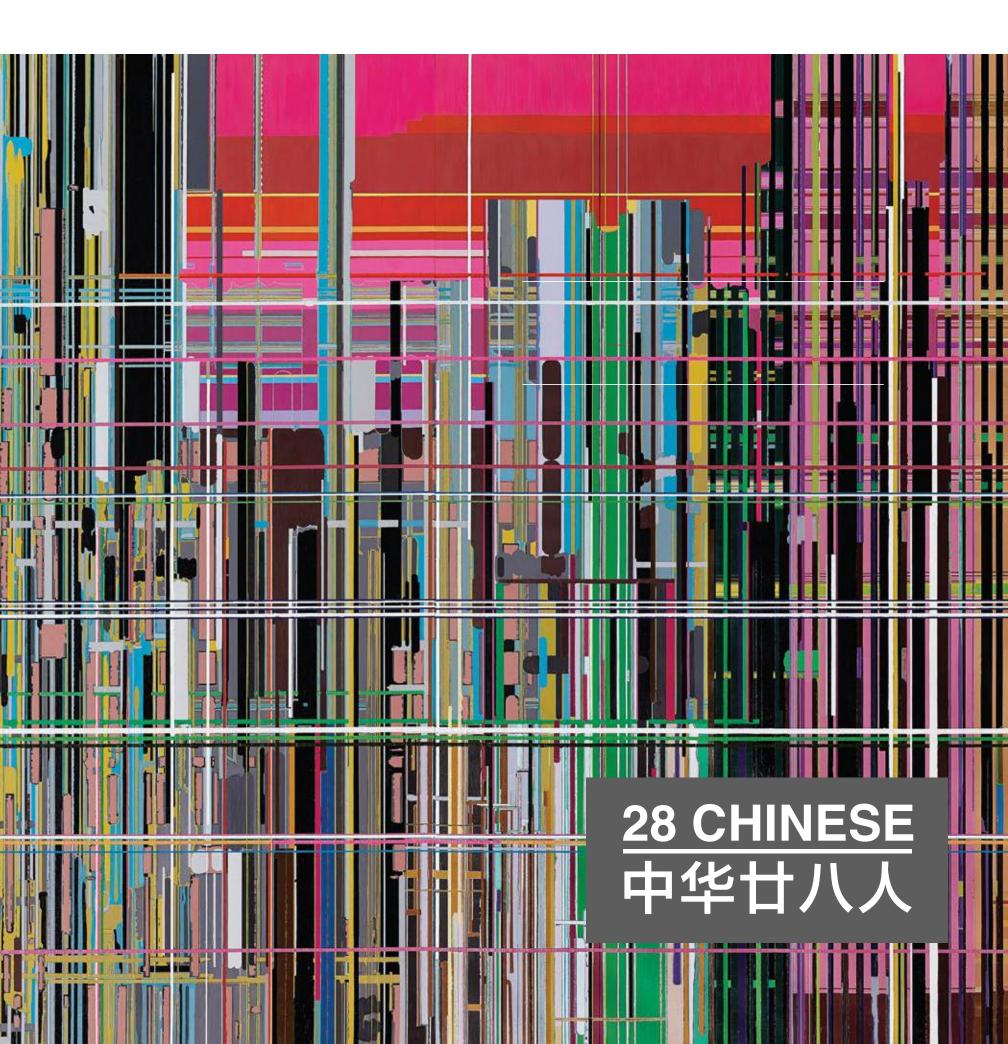
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Anatomy of a... [Mummy Mask]

The Curator: Jessica Powers Where to Find It: First Floor, Egyptian Gallery

A mummy from Roman Egypt?

That's right. Three-thousand-year-old customs die hard, so even after the Romans took over Egypt in 30 BC, some of its inhabitants kept right on mummifying their dead.



What's going on here?

On both sides of the mask, the deceased man stands with his hands raised in adoration before Osiris, the god of the dead. The deceased is accompanied on the left by the jackal-headed god Anubis, and on the right by the falcon-headed god Horus.

Above

Mummy Mask for a Man
Egypt, Roman period, late 1st century BC-1st century AD
Painted and gilded cartonnage
Museum Purchase: Stark-Willson Collection
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Why is his face gold?

The gilded face connects the deceased man to the sun god, Ra, whom the Egyptians believed had skin covered in pure gold.



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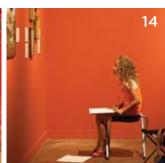


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From the Director

Dear Members

We're ready for a busy fall season. The Contemporary Galleries have been de-installed (no small feat with so many large-scale works) for the groundbreaking exhibition 28 Chinese, which features work by contemporary Chinese artists produced since the beginning of this century. The exhibition comes from Don and Mera Rubell, whose collection illuminates the current artistic awakening in China—work that has been largely invisible to many U.S. audiences until now.

28 Chinese begins in the Cowden Gallery and overflows into five other galleries as an immersive experience for our visitors. We like to say that our Museum is where east meets west and ancient meets modern—how true that is for this exhibition. Come explore the questions 28 Chinese suggests about time, place, politics, environment, and humanity—then see the parallels in the rest of the Museum.

Summer, now on the wane, is a time when many of us steal away from our daily lives to see new places, perhaps new artworks, and to gather family and friends for a restorative break. The Museum can be that respite all year long. Bring a friend or family member and savor a vacation from the hustle-bustle of daily life.

Katherine C. Luber, PhD The Kelso Director





WALK THROUGH Zhu Jinshi's monumental, delicate, 49-foot *Boat*, made from more than 8,500 sheets of calligraphy paper strung on bamboo rods and suspended from the ceiling with thread. Inside the overturned hull ambient sounds soften, light refracts, and a meditative space emerges, enlivening the viewers' experience of artwork in a gallery.

Comprised of works that engage with issues of time, process, materiality, and history, 28 Chinese "asks us to question any preconceived ideas about what art from China looks like," says Anna Stothart, Brown Foundation Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. Organized by the Rubell Family Collection in Miami, the exhibition includes internationally renowned artists such as Ai Weiwei, as well as talents never before shown in Texas.

The Rubells own one of the largest, private contemporary art collections in the world. Mera and Don Rubell and their son Jason took six trips to China from 2001–2012, visiting over one hundred artists' studios in seven major capitals and acquiring work from twenty-eight artists.

28 Chinese includes paintings, sculptures, photographs, videos, and installations that will occupy six gallery spaces throughout the museum. Each space will focus on a specific theme, genre, or artwork. The primary themes are social and political activism in art, new traditions in landscape, contemporary portraiture, and abstraction. "Contemporary artists have the ability to re-examine traditional modes of art-making in order to redefine strict distinctions between genres and media," said Stothart. "These loose groupings—within which there is clear overlap—offer thematic connections among the diverse works in 28 Chinese and invite visitors to re-engage with the historical works in our collection that perhaps will now be viewed in a new, and exciting, light."

A fully illustrated catalogue with texts from all the artists in Chinese and English accompanies the exhibition.

This exhibition is generously supported by the Koehler Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.





KNOW MORE

Lecture: The Rubells on 28 Chinese Sunday, September 27 | 3 p.m.

EXHIBITION GALLERY TALKS

Tuesdays | 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays | 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Left and table of contents: Installation view of *Boat*, 2012, by Zhu Jinshi (Chinese, b. 1954) from *28 Chinese*, 2015, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Photograph © Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.

Above:
Wang Guangle
130905
2013
Acrylic on canvas
57½ x 57½ in. (146 x 146 cm)
Courtesy of the Rubell Family Collection, Miami
Photography by Chi Lam

Above right:
Zhang Huan
To Raise the Water Level in a Fishpond (Close-Up)
1997
C-print on Fuji archival paper, Ed. 14/15
40½ x 60½ in. (102.9 x 153.7 cm)
Courtesy of the Rubell Family Collection, Miami
Photography by Chi



Miguel Covarrubias

CULTURE AND CARICATURE

JULY 18-OCTOBER 18, 2015 | SMALL SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS GALLERY

HE WAS A PEOPLE PERSON," said Curator of Latin American Art Marion Oettinger Jr. of José Miguel Covarrubias, "with an intuitive sense of design, the spirit of the moment, and the character and motivation of people." The artist evokes many uses of the Spanish word genio, particularly in the genius of his work across disciplines.

Born in Mexico City in 1904 and largely self-taught, Covarrubias moved to New York at 19, where he quickly fell in with the creative and intellectual "Smart Set" of the early '20s and became a devotee of the Harlem jazz scene.

Covarrubias' wry, stylishly linear celebrity caricatures for the New Yorker and Vanity Fair in the 1920s and '30s captured that generation and influenced many artists to follow. He became one of the most important artists of the first half of the 20th century, distinguishing himself internationally as a painter, set designer, caricaturist, ethnologist, writer, cartographer, and illustrator.

His ethnographies on Bali (1937) and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico (1946) were both groundbreaking scholarship and popular bestsellers—the first one inspired the Bali craze of the late '30s and early '40s. In all, he wrote and illustrated over fifty books on cultures around the world.

Miguel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature spans the artist's thirty-year creative life with 125 drawings, watercolors, gouaches, rare books, and paintings. "The exhibition shows every aspect of a brilliant renaissance man," said Oettinger.

Historical photographs and a selection of Mexican folk art from the Museum's collection—a passion he shared with longtime friend Nelson A. Rockefeller—enhance the exhibition.

Lett:
Miguel Covarrubias
Mexican, 1904–1957
Female Bust (detail), 1945 watercolor on paper, h. 10½ in. (26.7 cm); w. 5½ in. (14 cm) Gift of Jonathan Williams and Kisla Jimenez, 2014.18.1 © María Elena Rico Covarrubias Photography by Peggy Tenison

Mexican, 1904–1957 Self-Portrait Caricature, mid-20th century Pencil on paper, h. 5 in. (12.7 cm); w. 8 in. (20.3 cm) Purchased with funds provided by the Lillie and Roy Cullen Endowment Fund, 2014.15.78 © María Elena Rico Covarrubias Photography by Peggy Tenison

Miguel Covarrubias Mexican, 1904-1957 Portrait of Rosa, mid-20th century Pencil on paper, h. 9½ in. (24.1 cm); w. 12 in. (30.5 cm) Purchased with funds provided by the Lillie and Roy Cullen Endowment Fund, 2014.15.1 © María Elena Rico Covarrubias Photography by Peggy Tenison







SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM of ART

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER 2015



EVERY WEEK

Museum Gallery Talks Tuesdays | 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sundays | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Meet at main stairs | Free



Meet at main stairs | Free with 28 Chinese admission

Sketching in the Galleries

Tuesdays | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Great Hall | \$10 non-members

Enjoy an evening of casual instruction based on works in the collections.

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

Saturdays | 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Free with admission | Cushions and stools are provided

LECTURES

Art History 101: Islamic Art

Friday, September 18 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Auditorium and Great Hall | Free with Museum admission

Annie Labatt, PhD, Assistant Professor of Art History and Criticism at UTSA, focuses on a seminal work in this three-part lecture series. Lecture begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by discussion and reception. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Limited auditorium and Great Hall overflow seating

The Rubells on 28 Chinese

Sunday, September 27 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Auditorium | Reception to follow | Free with Museum admission

Join Anna Stothart, Brown Foundation Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, in conversation with Don and Mera Rubell, founders of the Rubell Family Collection, on their love of art, travel, and the works in 28 Chinese. Limited seating available.

Genio!

El Chamaco: Celebrating Miguel Covarrubias Sunday, October 11 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Auditorium | Free with Museum admission | Reception to follow

An informal panel discussion on the life and times of Miguel Covarrubias. Moderated by Curator of Latin American Art, Marion Oettinger Jr., PhD, the panel includes María Elena Rico Covarrubias, niece of the artist; Adriana Williams, biographer of Covarrubias; and Tomás Ybarra Frausto, PhD, Latin American scholar.

The Influence of Dutch Art on Western Artists

by E. Roger Mandle, PhD

Friday, October 16 | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Auditorium | Free with Museum admission

Former Director of the Toledo Museum of Art, former President of Rhode Island School of Design, and noted Dutch scholar E. Roger Mandle will speak about the strong influences of Dutch art on the Western world. Reception for Friends of European Art to follow. Not a member of the Friends? Join now at samuseum.org/membership/friendsofthecollections.

CLASSES

Great Books Seminar: 28 Chinese

Tuesday, September 29 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Great Hall | \$15 members | \$25 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

This lively Socratic seminar is hosted by the Symposium Great Books Institute. I Ching: The Book of Changes (20 pages) will be emailed to you. Gallery talk at 6:00 p.m., seminar discussion 6:30-7:30 p.m., conversation and hors d'oeuvres to follow.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Second Fridays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gallery Talks | 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. (Space is limited) Free with admission | Cash bar

Cocktails and music inspiration: September 11 | Chinese Scholar's Room October 9 | Roman Bacchanal

Cocktails by The Esquire Tavern

Art Party is a collaboration of the Museum and KRTU Jazz 91.7.

Art Fit: Art + Exercise

Second Tuesdays | September-June | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet in the Great Hall | Free

September 8 | Miguel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature October 13 | 28 Chinese

Enjoy a short gallery talk on fitness and the visual arts in the Museum, followed by different forms of exercise and a run down the river led by coaches from Run Wild Sports.

Art Fit: Art + Exercise is endorsed by the Mayor's Fitness Council and Let's Move! Museums and Gardens.

Art to Lunch

Third Thursdays | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Meet in the Great Hall

Free for members | \$5 non-members

Take an art bite out of your lunch hour with a two-object tour. Lunch available for purchase by Rosella Coffee.

Trivia Night with Geeks Who Drink™ Tuesday, September 22 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Individual: \$10 member, \$15 non-member Table (6 people): \$55 member, \$85 non-member

Register: 210.978.8121 | Participants must be at least 18 years of age

This evening of challenging trivia will cover a wide range of topics and include a round inspired by 28 Chinese. Bring a team of your smartest friends (six people) or join one for some friendly competition. Cash bar. Supper available for purchase during registration.

Destination: London

Thursday, September 24 | 7:30-11:00 p.m.

West Courtyard and Gloria Galt River Pavilion \$100 individual | \$75 Young Friends

Table sponsorships available at \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 & \$10,000 Register: samuseum.org/destination or 210.978.8185

Destination: London will take you back to 1960s London with far-out food. cool drinks, and hip music. This outta sight event supports the Museum's collections, exhibitions, and educational programming.

ArtBites Presents: 28 Chinese

Sunday, October 4 | 4:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 7 | 4:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8 | 4:30-8:00 p.m.

\$100 members | \$120 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

View our special exhibition 28 Chinese with Chef Maite Gomez-Rejon and make culinary connections to contemporary works. Gallery talk followed by hands-on cooking class to create a meal inspired by the exhibition.

Culture + Cuisine: Miguel Covarrubias

Tuesday, October 13 | Tour: 6:00-6:45 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

\$50 members | \$65 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Start with a tour of Miguel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature and finish with a delicious three-course meal at Restaurant Nao. Price includes food, tax, and service charge. Transportation between the Museum and Nao is not provided.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit samuseum.org for calendar updates

SEPTEMBER

1 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

2 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Outrageous Orange

10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Member Opening Reception: 28 Chinese

6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$30 per member | RSVP: 210.978.8123 or samuseum.org/memberparty

4 | FRIDAY

Member Preview Day: 28 Chinese

Tours: 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.

5 | SATURDAY

Tour for the Visually Impaired

10:00-11:00 a.m. Register: 210.978.8138

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

10:15-11:00 a.m.

6 | SUNDAY

First Sundays for Families:

China—Then and Now

12:00-4:00 p.m.

8 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

Art Fit: Art + Exercise

6:30-7:30 p.m.

9 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Egyptian Hippos

10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Circle Night: 28 Chinese

5:00-7:00 p.m.

RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

10 | THURSDAY Art Crawl

10:00-10:45 a.m

Art Party: Chinese Scholar's Room

Gallery Talks: 5:30 and 6:15 p.m.

Party: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

12 | SATURDAY

Visitor Services Volunteer Orientation

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Register: moira.allen@samuseum.org

Members-Only Tour: 28 Chinese

Tours: 10:00, 10:45, and 11:30 a.m. RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

10:15-11:00 a.m.

15 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

Playdates: Big Rain Coming

10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Free Evening for Educators: 28 Chinese

5:30-7:30 p.m.

RSVP: samuseum.org/for-educators

17 | THURSDAY

Homeschool Student Workshop

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. Register: jessica.nelson@samuseum.org

Art To Lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m.

18 | FRIDAY

Art History 101: Islamic Art

6:00-7:30 p.m.

19 | SATURDAY

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

10:15-11:00 a.m.

22 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

Trivia Night with Geeks Who Drink™

6:30-8:30 p.m.

\$10 members | \$15 non-members

Register: 210.978.8121

22 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Monkeying Around

10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

24 | THURSDAY

Destination: London

7:30-11:00 p.m.

Individual: \$100 | Young Friends: \$75 Sponsorship opportunities available Purchase tickets: samuseum.org/destination

25 | FRIDAY

Art Off The Wall

6:00-7:30 p.m.

\$10 members | \$20 non-members

26 | SATURDAY

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

10:15-11:00 a.m.

27 | SUNDAY

Lecture: The Rubells on 28 Chinese

3:00-4:00 p.m.

29 | TUESDAY

Great Books Seminar: 28 Chinese

6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$15 member | \$25 non-member Register: samuseum.org/calendar

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

30 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Tigers and Magpies

10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

OCTOBER

2 | FRIDAY

Friends of Contemporary Art: 28 Chinese Exhibition Tour

5:00-7:00 p.m.

RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

3 | SATURDAY

Tour for the Visually Impaired

10:00-11:00 a.m. Register: 210.978.8138

Educator Workshop: Arts of Mexico

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

\$15 members | \$25 non-members Register: samuseum.org/for-educators

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery 10:15-11:00 a.m

4 | SUNDAY

First Sundays for Families: Ancient Egypt

12:00-4:00 p.m.

ArtBites Presents: 28 Chinese 4:00-7:30 p.m.

\$100 members | \$120 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

6 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members Young Friends: 28 Chinese Gallery Talk

6:00-7:30 p.m.

7 | WEDNESDAY

RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

Playdates: Passionate Purple 10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

ArtBites Presents: 28 Chinese

4:30-8:00 p.m.

\$100 members | \$120 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

8 | THURSDAY

Art Crawl

10:00-10:45 a.m.

ArtBites Presents: 28 Chinese

4:30-8:00 p.m.

\$100 members | \$120 non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar

9 | FRIDAY

Art Party: Roman Bacchanal

Gallery Talks: 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. Party: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

10 | SATURDAY

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

10:15-11:00 a.m.

11 | SUNDAY

Lecture: El Chamaco-

Celebrating Miguel Covarrubias

3:00-4:00 p.m.

13 | TUESDAY **Sketching in the Galleries**

6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

Culture + Cuisine: Miguel Covarrubias

6:00-9:00 p.m. \$50 members | \$65 non-members

Register: samuseum.org/calendar Art Fit: Art + Exercise

6:30-7:30 p.m.

14 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Ganesha's Sweet Tooth 10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

15 | THURSDAY

Homeschool Student Workshop

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. Register: jessica.nelson@samuseum.org

Art To Lunch

16 | FRIDAY Lecture: The Influence of Dutch Art on Western Artists, by E. Roger Mandle, PhD

6:00-7:00 p.m

17 | SATURDAY **Meditation in the Japanese Gallery**

10:15-11:00 a.m.

20 | TUESDAY

Sketching in the Galleries 6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

21 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: The Story of the Minotaur 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Register: samuseum.org/calendar

23-24 | FRIDAY-SATURDAY Luminaria: San Antonio Arts Festival

7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. 24 | SATURDAY

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery

27 | TUESDAY

10:15-11:00 a.m.

28 Chinese Gallery Tour with Jinli He, PhD 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sketching in the Galleries 6:00-8:00 p.m. | \$10 non-members

28 | WEDNESDAY

Playdates: Musicians of the Sun 10:00-10:45 a.m. | Register: samuseum.org/calendar

31 | SATURDAY

Meditation in the Japanese Gallery 10:15-11:00 a.m.

GALLERY TALKS

Tours for the Visually Impaired

First Saturdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Free with admission | Register: 210.978.8138 | Advance registration required

Docent-led tours include descriptive language, touch, sound, and smell to enhance the visitors' experience with art. Sighted companions and the general public are welcome on the tours. For more information visit samuseum.org

Art Off The Wall

Friday, September 25 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

\$10 for members | \$20 for non-members Register: samuseum.org/calendar (Space is limited)

Get to know the Museum from a different perspective! Discuss the architectural history of our building with an architect—from its brewery beginnings to newer architectural additions. End the tour with bites and sample brews from neighbor Alamo Beer Company.

28 Chinese Gallery Tour with Jinli He. PhD

Tuesday, October 27 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Trinity University Modern Languages and Literatures Assistant Professor Jinli He offers insight into the works and lives of the artists of 28 Chinese.

MEMBERS-ONLY EVENTS

Member Opening Party: 28 Chinese

Thursday, September 3 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Great Hall | \$30 per member

RSVP: 210.978.8123 or samuseum.org/memberparty

Celebrate the opening of 28 Chinese with an exclusive preview and party.

Member Preview Day: 28 Chinese

Friday, September 4 | 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Members see the exhibition first. Docent-led tours at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.

Members-Only Tour: 28 Chinese

Saturday, September 12

Tour Group #1: 10:00-10:45 a.m. (reception to follow) Tour Group #2: 10:45-11:30 a.m. (reception at 10:15 a.m.) **Tour Group #3:** 11:30–12:15 p.m. (reception at 11:00 a.m.)

Café Terrace | Cowden Gallery | Free for members

RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

Enjoy light refreshments and a docent-led tour of the exhibition.

28 CHINESE EXCLUSIVE TOURS

with Brown Foundation Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art Anna Stothart. Light refreshments served.

Circle Night: 28 Chinese

Wednesday, September 9 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Free for Circle Members

RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar or at 210.978.8133

Circle Members are invited to a private, after-hours viewing of the exhibition. Complimentary refreshments.

Friends of Contemporary Art: 28 Chinese

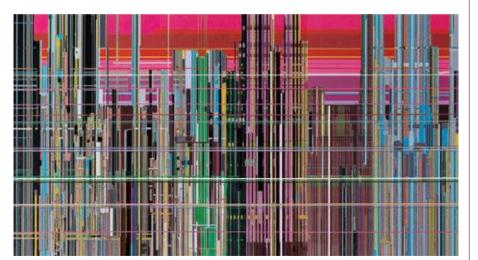
Friday, October 2 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Free for Friends of Contemporary Art Tours at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar (Space is limited)

Young Friends: 28 Chinese

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cowden Gallery | Free for Young Friend RSVP: samuseum.org/calendar

Liu Wei, Liberation No. 1, 2013 oil on canvas, triptych: overall 118 1/8 x 212 % in. (300 x 540 cm), Courtesy of Rubell Family Collection



FOR FAMILIES

(Free for children 12 and under)

First Sundays for Families

Great Hall | 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 6 | China: Then and Now

Explore the exhibition 28 Chinese and the roots of Chinese art and culture. Activities include pen and ink drawings, a calligraphy workshop, and an introductory Mandarin language workshop.

Sunday, October 4 | Ancient Egypt

Unravel the mysteries of Ancient Egypt: write your name in hieroglyphics; sculpt amulets and scarabs; and hear mummy stories in the gallery.

Homeschool Student Workshops

Thursday, September 17 and Thursday, October 15

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. | Free with admission Register: jessica.nelson@samuseum.org

Participate as a family in a guided tour and art activity. Extend learning through art at home with Museum materials.

Art Crawl: Gallery Tours for Caregivers and Babies 0-18 months

Second Thursdays | 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Put your babies in their slings or strollers. Art selections engage both you and your infant. Includes playtime. Check Museum website for dates and themes.

Playdates (Ages 2-4)

Wednesdays | 10:00-10:45 a.m.

RSVP required at samuseum.org/calendar

Cultivate, nurture, and inspire creativity through stories, gallery activities, hands-on art, movement, and music

EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

Free Evening for Educators: 28 Chinese

Wednesday, September 16 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Free | 2 SBEC-approved CPE credits | RSVP: samuseum.org/for-educators

Explore the works in 28 Chinese and experiment with new media and surprising materials geared towards varying grade levels. Enjoy refreshments, network with educators, and pick-up curriculum packets.

Educator Workshop: Arts of Mexico

Saturday, October 3 | 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

\$15 for members | \$25 for non-members Lunch included | 5 SBEC-approved CPE credits

Register: samuseum.org/for-educators (Space is limited)

This workshop includes analysis of museum objects, tours of Miguel Covarrubias, and classroom lessons linking art, social studies, and literature.

EXHIBITION OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

Miquel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature

July 18-October 18, 2015

28 Chinese: The Rubell Family Collection

September 5, 2015-January 3, 2016

Realms of Earth and Sky:

Indian Painting from the 15th to the 19th Century November 6, 2015-February 14, 2016

Corita Kent and the Language of Pop February 13-May 8, 2016

Rodin: The Human Experience March 5-May 29, 2016

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NEW & NOTED



Light is the enemy of art. The curators rotate out delicate works from the galleries. When treasures go into dark storage—in our Japanese collection that includes lacquerware, hanging scrolls, and woodblock prints-more come on view. In this case, a pair of six-fold screens dating to the 17th century (above and below). If you saw Lethal Beauty in 2013, you may remember them. At the close of the exhibition, they were purchased for the Museum with the Lillie and Roy Cullen Endowment Fund. The screens depict the Battle of Sekigahara through the standards, emblems, and crests of the warring armies: on one screen is the victorious Tokugawa clan, and on the other the defeated Toyotomi clan. In battle, many of these symbols would have been used to direct the movements of the samurai. Because battle is predominantly figural in Japanese art, the bold, graphic symbolism of these screens is distinctive. They look almost modern. "These rare screens have no equal in the United States," said Director Katie Luber.

More funds mean more expertise. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has agreed to fund two new positions at the Museum! This will allow us to give two-year appointments to post-doctoral fellows who work in areas where we have unexplored riches in the collections—but no current curatorial staff specialists. The appointments will be announced in the coming year.

Standards and Emblems of the Battle of Sekigahara (detail) Japanese, Edo period, mid-17th century Ink, colors, and gold on paper, each screen: h. 68 % in. (174.6 cm); w. 149 % in. (380.4 cm); d. % in. (1.9 cm) Purchased with the Lillie and Roy Cullen Endowment Fund, 2014.21.a-b Photography by Peggy Tenison

The European galleries on the fourth floor

will close for renovation beginning in October. "We are excited about being able to display the Rowan Irish silver and all our European art in a more elegant setting, in keeping with our other galleries," said Merribell



Parsons, Curator of European Art. "Our new look will reflect our potential as an important learning center for European art." The renovated galleries, generously funded by the Brown Foundation, will re-open in October 2016. Meanwhile, European art lectures, exhibitions. and programs will

continue throughout the year. Look forward to the Rodin sculpture exhibition opening in March 2016. And, if you love European painting, sculpture, architecture, and the decorative arts, join the new Friends of European Art. Special programs given by the curator and other specialists offer the chance to socialize and learn with like-minded enthusiasts. Friends of European Art are sponsoring a lecture by Roger Mandle on Dutch Art on October 16, and are planning an insider visit to the studio of Tim Jenison to discuss Vermeer's optics. To join, see samuseum.org/friendsofthecollections.

Every summer our Museum campus is

invaded by young, smart, art-loving high-school and college interns. We've also been participating in the Smithsonian Institution's Young Ambassadors internship program for the last eight summers, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund. Young Latino leaders are chosen to work at museums around the country. Jorge Palacios (below) worked with our education department on many creative endeavors, including helping with summer camps. He is heading off to the Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University for a joint degree in Astrophysics and Industrial Design. "I've always loved art. And I've always loved science, too," Palacios said. "In my future career, I hope to cross borders between visual art and scientific innovation."





GIVE A LITTLE...

Volunteer Orientation and Information Session

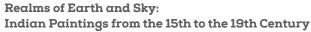
Saturday, September 12 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. RSVP: moira.allen@samuseum.org

Distant Realms

COMMISSIONED BY EMPERORS and empresses, kings and queens, and wealthy merchants, the array of colorful miniatures in *Realms of* Earth and Sky: Indian Paintings from the 15th to the 19th Century were never intended for large, public audiences. Spanning five centuries of the history of early modern India, these forty-three works offer a tangible connection to worlds far away and long ago, with scenes of the opulence of the Mughal court; the actions of gods in the form of men; lively battles; and courtly love.

Though small in size, the paintings reveal changes in stylistic convention, material, and influence in Indian painting across the centuries. Manuscript pages are made of different materials, including palm leaves, cloth, and handmade and imported papers. Persia's rich narrative and poetic tradition—which for centuries was a literary, courtly, and administrative language in India—enriched the repertoire of Indian artists, despite Islamic tradition limiting the use of figural imagery in religious contexts. At the same time, during the Mughal dynasty (1526-1858) an interest in formal portraiture emerged, adding new, distinct dimensions to Indian painting.

Realms of Earth and Sky is organized by the Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia and made possible with the suppport of the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation.



November 6, 2015-February 14, 2016 Small Special Exhibitions Gallery



Breathing Life into Bronze



IN COMMEMORATION OF the hundredth anniversary of the death of sculptor Auguste Rodin (French, 1840-1917), the San Antonio Museum of Art presents Rodin: The Human Experience. Major achievements of Rodin's career including Monumental Torso of the Walking Man and works derived from his masterpiece, The Gates of Hell, are featured in the exhibition.

The first truly modern sculptor, Rodin transformed sculptural form into expressions of emotion with exaggerated poses that broke with traditional notions that art told historical stories. His revolutionary style included an affinity for partial figures, conveying complex human feelings through subtle formal relationships, and his finished works retain the marks of the sculptural process.

Rodin: The Human Experience showcases thirty-two bronzes from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collection. For more than thirty-five years, the Cantor Foundation has made its Rodin collection—one of the largest outside the Musée Rodin in Paris—available to the public through its traveling exhibition program.

Rodin: The Human Experience is organized by the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation.

Rodin: The Human Experience

March 5-May 29, 2016 Small Special Exhibitions Gallery

Leaf from a Bhagavata Purana Series:

The Cowherd Women of Vraja Observing the Vow of Katyayani, Delhi-Agra region, Chaurapanchasika group, c. 1520–30, Opaque color on paper, 6¾ x 9 in, 1715 x 22.86 cm, Museum Purchase with Curriculum Support Funds, 1994.11, Collection of The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia

Auguste Rodin, French, 1840-1917
Saint John the Baptist Preaching Modeled about 1880; Musée Rodin cast number unknown in 1925, Bronze; Alexis Rudier Foundry
Lent by the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation. Image courtesy the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation

Bottom right:

Corita Kent (Sister Mary Corita)
American, 1918-1986, the juiciest tomato of all
1964, Screen print, 75.6 x 91.4 cm (29¾ x 36 in.),
frame: 84.1 x 104.5 x 3.2 cm (33½ x 41½ x 1½ in.),
Collection of Jason Simon, New York
TL41302. @2015 Courtesy of the Corita Art
Center, Immaculate Heart Community, Los
Angeles. Image courtesy Harvard Art Museums

Peace, Love & Pop Art



ARTIST. EDUCATOR. ROMAN-CATHOLIC NUN. Corita Kent's (American, 1918-1986) groundbreaking work as a pop artist combined faith, activism, and teaching with messages of acceptance and hope. She made nearly 700 screenprints, took commissions for ads and public art, designed books, produced films, and orchestrated Happenings.

Organized by the Harvard University Art Museums, Corita Kent and the Language of Pop looks beyond her remarkable biography and examines her intense engagement with prevailing artistic, social, and religious movements from 1964-69. More than sixty of her prints will be on view alongside works by Andy Warhol, Ed Ruscha, and Roy Lichtenstein.

Corita Kent and the Language of Pop is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts and major corporate support from National Grid.

Corita Kent and the Language of Pop

February 13-May 8, 2016 Cowden Gallery

ArtWorks



7 Questions for...

KATIE ERICKSON, Director of Education

What museum inspires you most?

There are many, but I do love the British Museum in London. Their "Teaching History with 100 Objects" programs are fantastic. It's a concrete way to experience a deep, global collection, and teaches history through art objects. It's something we emulate.

The best way to see a museum is...

Sometimes I want to see everything, knowing I'll be tired at the end of the day, and do it anyhow! Other days, I take my time—look at just a few galleries or even one. I also love sitting in galleries to read, write, or plan—just for the aesthetic experience. It clears my head.

What is one myth about museums you'd like to dispel?

"If you've been once, you don't need to go again." Make friends with works of art! When I interned at the Hirshhorn Museum in DC, I'd often walk through the National Gallery of Art on my way to the metro and peek at my favorites. When a few of these, by Édouard Vuillard and Pierre Bonnard, came to the McNay last year for *Intimate Impressions*, I felt reunited with old friends, even though it had been years.

Do you have an "old friend" in our collection?

I often return to Albert Bierstadt's *Passing Storm Over the Sierra Nevadas* in the American gallery. It caught my eye before I even worked here. I saw the Bierstadt, thought "that looks like California," and it was. It's a nice little piece of home.

What's the most gratifying part of your job?

Those times when we can offer children an experience they thought they'd never have—for instance through a scholarship to summer camp, or through our new program at Haven for Hope. Also, I love to see how big teachers' eyes get when we tell them our tours are free; that we'll create an experience related to what they're teaching; and that they'll be paid back for the cost of buses. And I am awed by our volunteers—especially docents, who spend two years training in art history and touring. They tell me it's addictive, and many put in hours way beyond the requirement.

You have two preschoolers at home. Has having children changed the way you see your job?

We started Art Crawl for babies and Playdates for preschoolers since I've had children. The programs are hugely popular, breaking down a barrier for parents who thought, "It's going to be difficult to take young children to the Museum."

So what's your last word on museums?

I need more than one word...Art makes you smart. Art makes you empathetic. Art makes you a better citizen of the world...and on and on! We'd like to be everyone's best addiction.

Kαtie Erickson received her BA in Art History from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her MA in Learning and Visitor Studies in Museums and Galleries from the University of Leicester, England. She joined the Museum in 2005 and became the Director of Education the next year. During that time the number of students served yearly has increased from 6,000 to more than 20,000 and public programs have grown to nearly 500.





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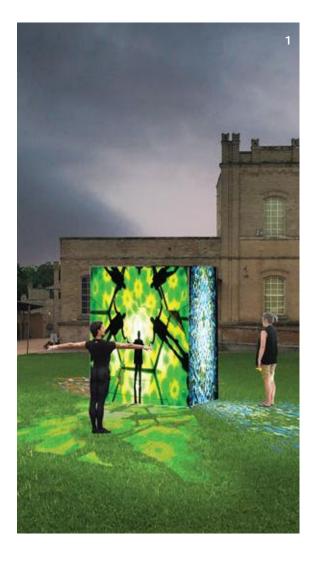




- 1) Young artist at Haven for Hope in the style of Miguel Covarrubias
- 2) British Museum, London
- 3) Albert Bierstadt's Passing Storm Over the Sierra Nevadas
- 4) Katie Erickson with summer art campers

Albert Bierstadt, American, 1830–1902, *Passing Storm over the Sierra Nevadas*, 1870, Oil on canvas h. 36½ in.(92.7cm); w. 55 in. (139.7cm), Purchased with funds provided by the Robert J. Kleberg and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation, 85.94. Photography by Peggy Tenison

FINDS AND CURIOSITIES IN WALKING OR BIKING DISTANCE OF THE MUSEUM









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1] LUMINARIA — 0 to 0.4 MILES October 23-24, 7 p.m.-midnight | 210.721.1670 Luminariasa.org

The countdown begins for the city's fabulous (and free!) contemporary arts festival. In late October, Luminaria 2015 overtakes the River North neighborhood, encompassing the San Antonio Museum of Art, Mayerick Park, and the River Walk's Museum Reach. San Antonio artists like the Más Rudas Collective and John Hernandez join other local, national, and international talents in creating interactive projects, dance, music, roving performances, sculpture, and spectacular video projections. Approximately fifty projects are featured, including work from performance artist Miguel Gutierrez, mesmerizing dance troupe Oui Danse, and dynamic recording artist Chrysta Bell. Siyon Jin, from our South Korean sister city Gwangju, will transform the façade of the Museum with light and image and Kaleidoscope (above) by Mok Architecture will transform the West Courtvard. Get a schedule of artists and tickets for special events at luminariasa.org.

2] CULLUM'S ATTAGIRL — 1.7 MILES **726 E. Mistletoe | 210.437.4263**

facebook.com/pages/Cullums-Attagirl

Chris Cullum of Tucker's Kozy Corner packs a lot of feeling into a bar/hangout with the secret weapon of good southern food. Attagirl has a spare, country-porch vibe, wine, beer, and a chalkboard menu of sublimely rich food—much of it cooked up to order at the tiny counter and served in paper. Try fried-bologna sandwiches with homemade pimento cheese; southern fried chicken with waffles or Nashville-style with enough cayenne to make you weep. On one visit, Chris's famous dad, Jim Cullum, even dropped by to play a little impromptu Dixieland jazz.

3] SHUCK SHACK — 0.9 MILE **520 E. Grayson | 210.805.0333** shuckshack.com

A mix of market-fresh cold-water oysters and Gulf oysters rotates, available by the half- or full dozen. Chef Jason Dady's casual new family restaurant is based on coastal seafood shacks, and combines high-end oysters, raw or cooked; beer, wine, and classic cocktails; and a playground for the kids. Pace out your bivalves with "bites" like white-cheddar jalapeño hushpuppies, Waygu beef tartare—or a bowl of clam chowder or lobster bisque.

4] DIGNOWITY MEATS – 1.5 MILES **1701 E. Houston | 210.462.1496** dignowitymeats.com

Owned by chefs Andrew Samia and Shane Reed of Crazy Carl's food-truck fame, this casual lunch spot in Dignowity Hill serves up serious pit-smoked meats and classic deli sandwiches along with freshly made salads and sides. Their Burnt End Melt—crisp tail-ends of brisket with mac and cheese, pear, and cheddar on toasted ciabatta—is justifiably beloved, as are the Pork Belly BLT and the Salumi sandwich, all served hot. Dignowity Meats has such skill with curing and smoking that they were paid the backward compliment of a heist last March: \$1,000 worth of their corned beef brisket was stolen. Drop by to get your own in a more dignified fashion.



5] THE SHOP AT THE SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART - 0 MILES

200 W. Jones Ave | 210.978.8140 samuseaum.org/shop

The very large *Boat* sculpture is bumping the 28 Chinese special exhibition shop from its usual place in the Cowden Gallery into the Great Hall. Among the standouts is of-the-moment nylon 3-D printed jewelry from Jordan Graves of Repeat Offfender (above). ("Why three fs? Because one is an accident, two could be a coincidence, but three is definitely a pattern.") Graves combines technical and digital knowhow with an eccentric but sure sense of style and forms that evoke patterns in nature and science. Wooden necklaces and bracelets from **Elk** Accessories strike a more classic modern look. "I wanted to contrast edgy, playful pieces with simple, clean, basic ones," said Caitlin Brown, the Museum's new Manager of Retail Operations. "As in the exhibition, there's a great focus on materials and process in the items we've selected for the Shop."

Art Scene























- 1. A young artist sketches at summer camp
- 2. Corporate partners reception
- 3. Touching is encouraged during our monthly Tour for the Visually Impaired
- 4. Art making at the All-American Picnic farewell to the exhibition Jamie Wyeth
- 5. Corporate partners private tour of Jamie Wyeth
- 6. Meet + greet + book signing
- 7. Artist Jamie Wyeth attends the exhibition opening party for *Jamie Wyeth* 8. Cheers to Art Party
- 9. Docent luncheon celebrating their hard-work and dedication to the Museum
- 10. Bank of America reception with artist Jamie Wyeth
- 11 . Lights, camera, action at Film on the Green

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