



WINTER/SPRING EXHIBITIONS

JAN 30 - APR 17, 2016

COURTNEY MATTISON: SEA CHANGE

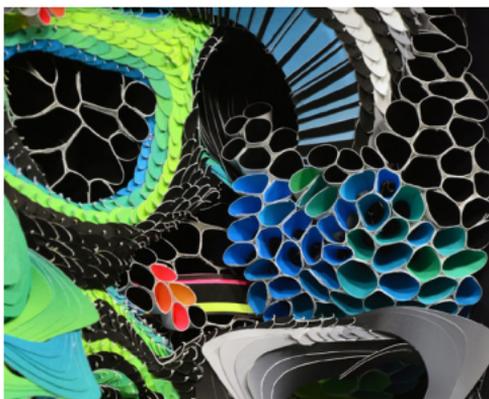
Mattison creates large scale ceramic installations and sculptures inspired by science and marine biology. Her intricate hand-crafted porcelain works celebrate the fragile beauty of endangered coral reef ecosystems and promote awareness to conserve and protect our natural world. The artist hopes her exploration of these reefs that face human-caused threats will motivate environmental change.



Courtney Mattison, *Our Changing Seas III* (detail), 2014. Courtesy of the Artist. Photograph by Arthur Evans.

CRYSTAL WAGNER: SURFACE TENSION

Wagner has created a site specific work at the museum using MOCA's unusual architecture and location near the oceanfront, along with her concern that viewers experience the physical nature of her work to inspire the creation of this installation. Wagner's vision is a delicate balance between natural and manufactured worlds. Her installations are vast, swirling maelstroms of color and texture formed from synthetic items like paper tablecloths and straws.



Crystal Wagner, *Aphotic V* (detail), 2015. Courtesy of the Artist.

NEW WAVES 2016

MOCA's annual juried exhibition of Virginia artists demonstrates the diversity of materials and approaches used in contemporary art today. 27 artists were selected from over 280 entries, demonstrating the vast artistic talent found in our Commonwealth!



Kelly Queener (detail), *Palace of the Peacock*, 2015. Courtesy of the Artist

open tue-fri 10am-5pm | sat & sun 10am-4pm | closed mon
\$7.70 adults, \$5.50 seniors/65+, students (includes children 5 & up) &
active military. FREE for MOCA members and children 4 & under.

THE ART OF NOW

JOHN RUDEL: ABSORB, RESIST, EDIT, AND SEEK

Norfolk-based artist John Rudel stretches the boundaries of traditional painting through a reexamination of parts left behind. Rudel is batten associate professor of art at Virginia Wesleyan College.

JUST ADD WATER

A contemporary animated series of shorts celebrating filmmakers who feature the essential element of water.



John Rudel. *Calendar (Overtaken by Blue)*, 2015. Courtesy of the Artist.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

sweerART family night fri, feb 12 | 6-8pm

Bring all of your sweethearts for a Valentine's fun-filled Family Night. Enjoy a mix of hands-on art activities, cookie decorating, dancing and a special musical performance by the **C. Shells!**

children 3 and up \$10
children of MOCA members \$7
children under 3 and parents FREE | additional adult guests (other than parent) \$5

FREE family fest sun, mar 6 & apr 17 | 2-4pm

Themed around current exhibitions, families can create their own art, play detective in a gallery scavenger hunt and experience the interactive ARTlab. Join MOCA and community partners, Lynnhaven River Now and the Virginia Beach Public Library for an afternoon of fun! **FREE**

pre-k art days (3rd thursdays) feb 18, mar 17 & apr 21 | 10-11am

Inquiry-based gallery tours, literacy, creative movement exercises and fun hands-on art-making for ages 2-5!

\$7 | MOCA members \$5

teen takeover

fri, mar 18 | 7-9pm | **FREE**

Hampton Roads teens take over MOCA for an evening extravaganza of art, music, mocktails, and free eats. Teen Takeover is exclusively for students in middle and high school, hosted by teens from Virginia Beach Public Schools.

art crush

thu, feb 18 | 6-7:30pm

Join us after hours for an unconventional tour of our exhibitions with drinks/games! **FREE with museum admission**
MOCA members FREE

courtney mattison artist talk thu, mar 24 | 6:30pm

Join artist and ocean advocate Courtney Mattison and Director of Photography and Expeditions of Mission Blue, Kip Evans for an artist talk and Q&A.

\$5 | MOCA members FREE

crochet nights (tuesdays) feb 9, mar 8 & apr 5 | 6-8pm

Able to read a pattern, make a slip knot and chain stitch? Then you can be part of an exciting public art project with renowned artist Olek. **FREE. Contact Rebecca@VirginiaMOCA.org.**

Mal Vincent Presents

a voyage on the high seas of cinema
mar 28, apr 4 & apr 11 (mondays)
film 7:15pm | \$10 | members \$5

Join film critic Mal Vincent for this three-part film series presented by **Atlantic Shores Retirement Community**,

as we voyage on the high seas of cinema. MOCA's winter exhibitions explore our dependence on water and celebrates humanity's reliance on this vital resource. Our oceans have also inspired some of the most thrilling tales told in modern cinema. Mal will introduce each film and share personal stories and the inside scoop on the film and actors featured. Come early to see the current exhibitions and enjoy a drink. **Purchase a combo ticket & SAVE!**

