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# 'Corridor' Apart

Baltimore, D.C. Find Common Creative Ground

by Jacob Comenetz

eparated by just 40 miles on the map, the cities of Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C., often seem much further apart. It's not just the lack of convenient transportation options between them. Rather, the similarly-sized mid-Atlantic cities seem to cherish their mutual aloofness, like two siblings who never really could relate.

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The cities' artist communities, each with an identity tied to its respective urban environment, remain similarly distant. Baltimore, known for its gritty blue-collar vibe, factory remains and warehouse spaces — which make for relatively cheap studio space to canshstrapped artists — serves as a foll to D.C., where renis tend to be higher and workspace scarcer, despite a plethora of world-renowned consequence and sullessies.

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With this in mind, three Baltimore-based artists got together a year and half ago to bridge the divide with an exhibition that would bring the two artists communities, and with them their two cities, closer together. The exhibition 'Corridog' a reference to the 195 highway linking Baltimore and D.C., features the work of 12 artists, six from each city, within the historic surroundings of the 1912 Spanish colonial-style Art Museum of the Americas — originally designed as the residence for the secretaries general of the Organization of American States.

Veering from its usual focus on latin art, the museum goes local for this compelling show highlighting some of the leading talents in the region But Laura Roulet, who contracted the exhibit with her colleague Irene Hofmann, said it highlighted'not regional artists, but exceptional artists who happen to be based in the region.

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Despite the decisive role played by Roulet and Hofmann in selecting and organizing the artwork, "Corridor" represents a departure from the traditional artists curator dynamic in that the three original artists — Bernhard Hildebrandt, Soledad Salamé and Joves J. Scott — assumed the role of curators, selecting three D.C.-based artists to be included in the show. At that point, each artist in that group of six chose one additional artist, for storal of 12. a total of 12.

Only then, with the artists select-Only then, with the artists select-ed, were the curators invited to visit their studios, pick out individual pieces, and design the exhibition's layout and catalogue. Adding to this curatorial "cross-pollination, D.C.-based curator Roulet worked with the Baltimore-based artists, while the Baltimore-based artists, while Hofmann, then director of the

Hofmann, then director of the Contemporary Museum in Bultimore, worked with the D.C. artiss.

The result is an eye-opening experience that reflects the area's artistic depth as well as its regional demographics, as the curators write in their forthcoming exhibition catalogue. They note the even share of men and women represented in the show, and the fact that one third are African American and one quarter are Latina. 'As curators, we were intrigued by the artists' choices of each other,' Roulet and Hofmann write. 'Was the desire to include another artist based on stylistic affinities, media, gender, ethnicity, mentor relationships?'

Even as they represent their respective cities, the artists tackle universal themes in a variety of three-dimensional and two-dimensional media that do not immediately iden-

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or visit www.museum.oas.org.

variety of three-dimensional and two-dimensional media that do not immediately iden-tify them as being from either Baltimore or D.C.

Entering the museum, tucked between the imposing edifices of the Organization of American States and Department of the Interior, one first encounters digital, monochro-matic prints made by Hildebrand, who drew on full-body scanner images of the human body taken at many U.S. airports that echo much earlier work by Eadweard Muybridge and Leonardo da Vinci. Inspired by the history and function of photography. Hildebrane scens to ask whether the body images produced by the controversial TSA scanners in the name of security are capable of elevating the high-tech human form to the level of



John Ruppert's chain-link sculpture "Gourd," above, graces the lawn outside the Art Museum of the Americas, while inside sits Bernhard Hilderandt's "L3" reises of digital, monochromatic prints whose title references the manufacturer of the most widely used model of whole-body scanners controversially adopted by American airports.

The other artist featured in the room, Phil Nesmith, now The other artist featured in the room, Phil Nesmith, now based in Richmond, Va, but representing D.C. for the purposes of the show, is similarly interested in the historic photographic methods of artists such as Man Ray, whose innovations with direct image-making pushed the boundaries of photography as an art form. In Nesmith's Flight Patterns' series, Phigu creatures such as birds, bats and insects are captured and bottled, both in antique jars and containers, as well as in time through the chosen medium of sepia-toned photograms. The exhibit itself travels the relatively short space between two cities that are home to such a range of artistic offerings. And because the museum space ristelf is relatively small, visitors won't have to rush through to see all of the diverse works that make up the exhibition's two floors.

floors.

They may want to linger on the curving staircase, where the fanciful, intricately adorned "spirit bottles" of Baltimore native Oletha DeVane stand guard in the alcoves, or meander through the lovely formal garden to contemplate John Rupperts "River Jacks," a series of cast metal boulders set alongside an original granite one, or his chain-link sculpture "Gourd," which mimics a natural form

with overtly manmade materials.

The Art Museum of the Americas is one of those hidden gems that many people who have lived in Washington for years have yet to see. "Corridor" provides an ideal oppor-tunity to make the trip to this intimate cultural venue while deepening one's knowl-edge of the region's impressive artistic talent, whichever span of 195 you land on.

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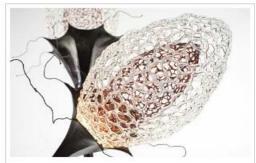






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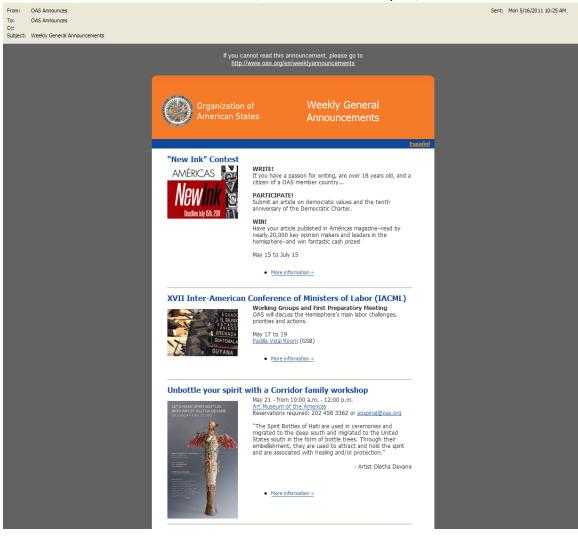
- >> The <u>Washington Glass School</u> celebrates its tenyear anniversary at <u>Long View Gallery</u> with the opening of <u>Artists of The Washington Glass School - The First</u> <u>Ten Years</u>. The exhibit will showcase ten years of integrating glass into the contemporary art dialogue as Washington, D.C. has become an emerging center of glass art. Opening Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- >> <u>Contain, Maintain, Sustain</u> opens at <u>Artisphere</u> on Thursday. This group show explores the influence sustainability has on today's visual artists and how its concerns are articulated and visualized. View the participating artists' work at the opening reception from 7 to 10 p.m.



Elizabeth Ryland Mears and William Forrest, 'The Three", 6 ft h x 3 ft w x 3 ft d, glass, steel and mixed media, photo by anythingphoto.net

- >> This IS Hawaii -- a two-site exhibition of contemporary, indigenous Hawaiian artists, will be presented at Transformer Gallery and at the National Museum of the American Indian. Partake in a panel conversation with Indigenous Hawaiian, Native American and Aboriginal Contemporary Artists at 4 p.m. followed by a reception at the National Museum of the American Indian on Friday. To attend, please RSVP to nmai-rsvp@si.edu.
- >> On Monday, get your art wonk on at the <u>National Museum of Women in the Arts</u> for a panel discussion on <u>Art and Politics: Rethinking Arts Policy and Cultural Diplomacy</u>. Moderated by Anne Goodyear, Associate Curator for Prints and Drawings at the National Portrait Gallery and Chair of the D.C. Chapter of <u>ArtTable</u>, the panel will host Jim Leach, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Richard Kurin, Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture, Smithsonian Institution and J. P. Singh, Associate Professor in the Graduate Program in Communication, Culture and Technology at Georgetown University for a discussion on the recent changes to federal support for the arts and implications for public policy. 6 p.m. Registration recommended.
- >> Today, head on over to the World Bank for the opening of <u>About Change</u>. The exhibit will highlight contemporary visual art of Latin America and the Caribbean. Starting at 4:30 p.m., a panel discussion kicks off the evening with a conversation about art in the region within a social context. <u>RSVP</u> is mandatory.
- >> <u>Africa Underground</u>, the National Museum of African Art's after-hours event, will take place this Friday. Enjoy music, DJs, dancers, Caribbean food and cocktails. 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets: <u>\$25 in advance</u> only.
- >> Spirit bottles of Haiti and the Southern part of the U.S. are associated with healing and protection. Learn to make your own spirit bottle with artist Oletha Devane at the <u>Art Museum of the Americas</u> on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reserve your \$5 tickets via email or by calling 202-458-3362.

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# Overlooked Again: Art Museum of the Americas

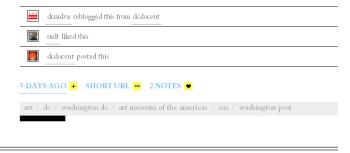
Curated by Irene Hofmann and Laura Roulet, *Corridor* showcases the work of 12 established DC and Baltimore artists and "flips the conventional artist-curator relationship on its side with enticing results." The Washington Post has a great slideshow of some of the works here.

The featured artists include: Martha Jackson Jarvis, Brandon Morse, Phil Nesmith, Michael Platt, Susana Raab, Jeff Spaulding, Oletha DeVane, Bernhard Hildebrandt, John Ruppert, Soledad Salamé, Joyce J. Scott and Sofia Silva.

This is clearly a really well put together show, something which the AMA does repeatedly, but why is it that no one ever seems to know about them, and they often get overlooked by the larger DC art-going crowds? I am baffled, not only by the often amazing shows they exhibit that fly under the radar, but the apparent lack of publicity that AMA generates.

Overlooked by the masses, but hopefully not by youl

Through June 26 at Art Museum of the Americas.



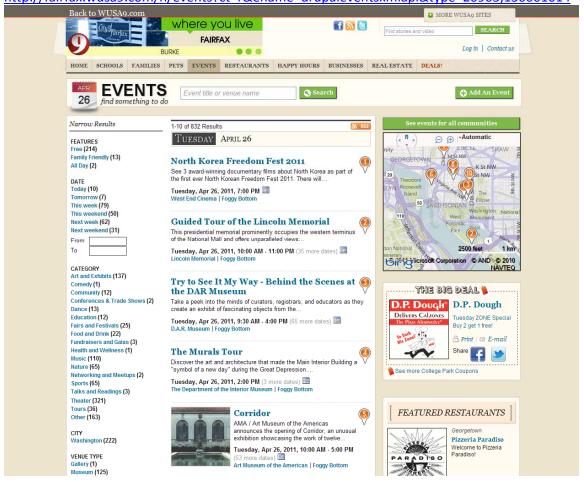
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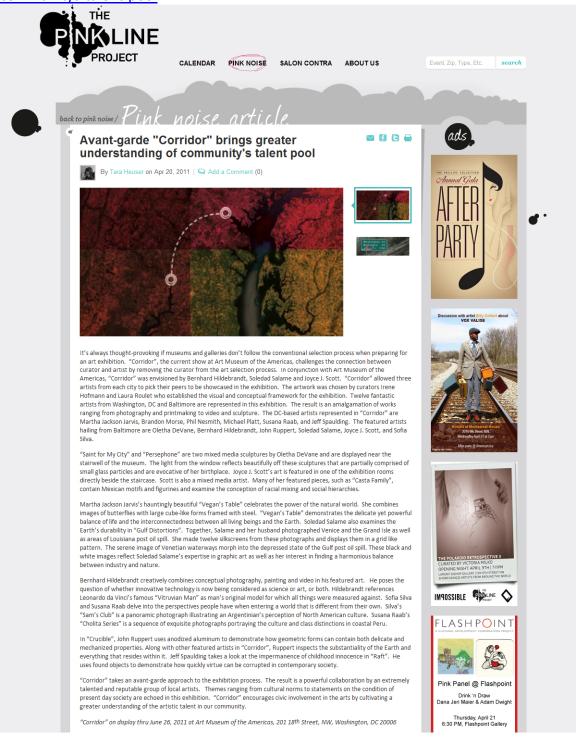
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## Reviewed: "Corridor" at the Art Museum of the Americas

Posted by Louis Jacobson on Apr. 13, 2011 at 10:00 am



In "Corridor," the Art Museum of the Americas largely eschews a



hemispheric perspective in favor of a much closer-to-home approach, showcasing a dozen artists with ties to either Baltimore or Washington. Their works range widely, from computer-generated video to room-sized installations to beaded sculptures to eccentric methods of photography. Michael Platt's images, hung from large sheets of polyester mesh, verge on Koyaanisqatsi themes, melding human figures with an overbearing rush of modernity, each swaying ever-so-gently in the breeze. Soledad Salamé offers a matrix of images from the 2010 Gulf Coast oil spill in which the landscape dissolves, chaotically but inexorably, into increasingly static-filled facsimiles. Bernhard Hildebrandt draws clever linkages between

TSA scanner images of human bodies and fine art of the past, including Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man and Muybridge's Animal Locomotion, Susana Raab, who's half Peruvian, offers straightforward documentary photographs of kids and families at the beach in Peru, while Jeff Spaulding builds a sprawling junk sculpture with a unified, rubbery-black hue that is supposed to reference Theodore Gericault's 19th century romantic painting Raft of the Medusa.

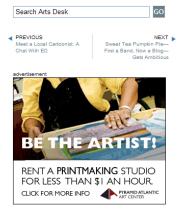
But the standouts are two photographers—Sofia Silva and Phil Nesmith. Silva presents distinctly horizontal, washed-out images of deserted big-box store exteriors reminiscent of Oliver Boberg's scale models; only a nighttime image of a bank drive-thru lane, with its repeating pattern of bollards and its suggestions of Edward Hopper and Ed Ruscha, comes across as something more than utilitarian and soulless. Nesmith, meanwhile, uses a homemade. cameraless technique to create tableaux in which insects hover around, and within, everyday objects such as bell jars and light bulbs. The protagonists in his brown-toned, varnished works suggest flight, but their flight is in fact fraudulent, a casualty of the requirements of Nesmith's own darkroom technique, leaving viewers to ponder an intricate. Heisenbergian joke.

The exhibit is on view 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday to June 26 at the Art Museum of the Americas, 201 18th St. NW. Free. (202) 458-6016.





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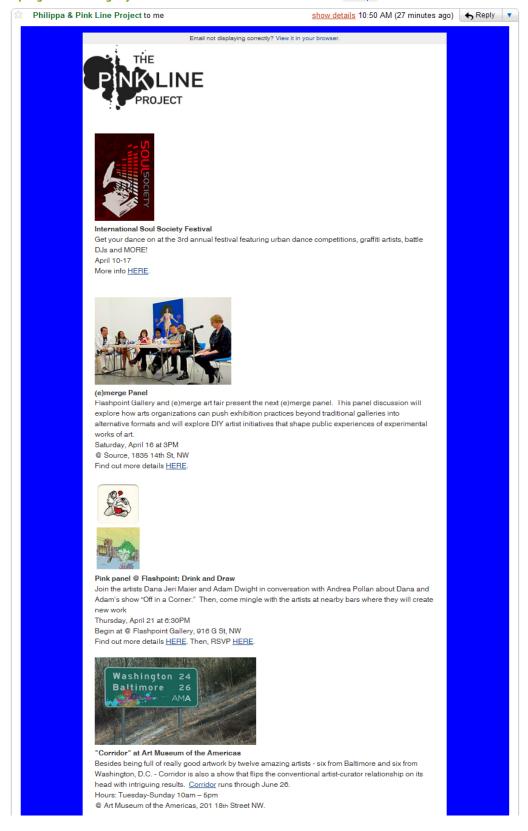
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#### Special Art Lens: Shutdown Edition by Beth Shook



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The potential government shutdown could hit PoPville particularly hard, with hundreds of thousands of federal workers furloughed, trash collection suspended, libraries and the DMV closed and just general pandemonium/freaking out. One major concern is how closings of the Smithsonian museums and National Callery might affect tourism. But with parking enforcement almost entirely suspended, and plenty of unaffected (and often free) private museums, galleries and events, the coming days could also be an opportunity to visit venues slightly off the beaten path. Below are several noteworthy alternatives, with

Corcoran Gallery of Art: While their larger special exhibition Washington Color and Light is on hiatus until Itals June, between the permanent collection and two ongoing photography shows there is still plently to see at the Corcoran this month. In the event of a shutdown, the museum will be offering complimentary coffee and pastries in their café during public hours. Government employees will also have free admission (normally \$10 for adults) with a government ID. Metro: Farragut West.

Carroll Square Gallery: I mentioned Juan Tejedor's solo show of mixed-media works at Flashpoint two months ago. Mapping, which opened last night in the Carroll Square building, features new map-based works by Tejedor alongside works by the other artists. Highlights include Carol Bardon's interactive roadmap constructions and Dahlia Elasyed's acrylic maps of day-to-day experiences and emotions that evoke similar projects by illustrator Christoph Niemann. While the venue is rather obscure, its central location makes it easily accessible. FREE. Metro: Gallery Place — Chinatown or Metro Center.

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Mural Bike Tour: Now this looks cool. Eckington-based art collective Hole in the Sky is hosting a bike tour of public art in the Eckington and Edgewood neighborhoods tomorrow. It's a \$5 donation to ride, and I assume you bring your own bike. The tour will be led by Chor Boogle and Peter Krsko of the public art non-profit Albus Caxus. April 9 at 12 p.m. Metro. Rhode Island Ave.—Brentwood.

The Phillips Collection: For five more weeks, two unexpectedly complementary exhibitions will share space on the third floor of the Phillips Collection. David Smith Invents and Philip Guston, Roma are revealing shows that deal in part with how each artist confronted the problems of his respective medium within the context of Abstract Expressionism. Sarah Hammill, an expert on Smith's photographs of his works, will be giving a lecture on the relationship between photography and sculpture on April 14 at 6.30 p.m. On view until May 15. Metro Upport Circle.

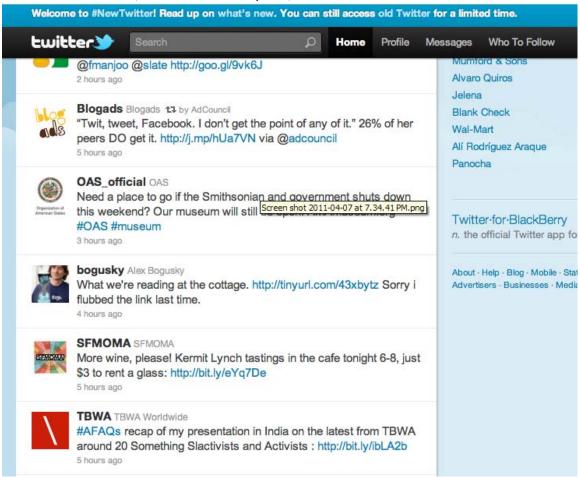
Mexican Cultural Institute: This spring offers a rare opportunity to see art by some of the most celebrated Latin American modernists outside of the OAS collection. Beyond the Labyrinth: Latin American Art and the FEMSA Collection offers a survey of 20th-century art in Latin America by way of 50 works, including paintings by Diego Rivera and one of my personal favorites Wifferdo Lam. Guest curator Marysol Nieves will give a gallery talk on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. On view from April 13 to June 18. FREE.

Art Museum of the Americas: The AMA continues to be one of the most underrated museums in the city, consistently offering innovative exhibitions of modern and contemporary art from the Americas and the Caribbean at no charge. Especially convenient to visitors to the National Mall, the museum is now showing work by D.C. and Baltimore artists organized by curators from the opposite city. Comidor offers an interesting comparison of what's going on in the contemporary art scene of each city. On view until June 26. FREL Metro: Farragul West.

Textile Museum: Complementing their ongoing exhibition on the history of repurposing fabric, next weekend the Textile Museum opens Green: The Color and the Cause, a diverse selection of textiles spanning centuries and continents that explores the link between environmentalism and the color green. On view from April 16 to Sept 11. Metro: Dupont Circle.



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#### Washington Post – newspaper, United States – April 5, 2011

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# **BestBets**





#### **URBANARIAS SPRING FESTIVAL**

URBANARIAS SPRING FESTIVAL
Through April 10
An opera need not last as long as
an extra-innings baseball game in
order to be considered a true
example of the genre. The
UrbanArias Spring Festival UrbanArias Spring Festival espouses brevily in its presentation of three contemporary operas, each clocking in at less than 90 minutes. Composer Ricky lan Gordon's "Orpheus and Eurydice," through April 5, is a modern take on the classic myth, while his "Green Sneakers," through April 10, is an elegy to victims of AIDS. Meanwhile, Tom Cipulio's "Glory Denied," from Saturday through April 10, is a heartbreaking story of a long-held prisoner of the Victnam of a long-held prisoner of the Victnam April 10, is a heartereaking story or a long-held prisoner of the Vietnam War returning home to find life has kept moving during his nine-year absence. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington (Metro: Rosslyn). 70.8.75-1100. 888-841-2787.

# SILVER SPRING'S BIG CHERRY BLOCK PARTY Saturday FREE Why should the hordes down at the Tidal Basin have all the fun during

cherry blossom season? Downtown Silver Spring hosts an afternoon of inescapable Japanese pop music, traditional music and dance, a karacke competition and food from around the world. A huge crafts market offers handmade goods such as pear jewelry, Japanese dolls, bonsai trees and Asian clothing from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown Silver Spring, on and around Ellsworth Drive, Georgia

Avenue and Fenton Street. 301-455-5620. www.capitolmarket placeevents.com/big-cherry-block-

#### PILLOW FIGHT DAY

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Saturday at the U.S. Capitol
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well as complete strangers (as long
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pillows during the D.C. celebration
of International Pillow Fight Day.
Concealed pillows are the weapon
of choice until the battles break out
about 2 p.m. The melee will
relocate to Dupont Circle after
about 15 minutes for more
skirmishes until 5 p.m. And no
down pillows, please — the feathers
may fly, but they're difficult to clean
up. The Mall, between the U.S.
Capitol and the Washington
Monument. capitolimprox.com.
www.pillowsightday.com.

Sunday While Lil Wayne was out of the While LI Wayne was out of the spotlight during a year-long prison sentence for weapons charges, his protege Nicki Minaj got everyone's attention, splitting one of the year's most memorable hip-hop verses on "Monster," a standout cut from Kanye West's album "My Beautiful Dark Iwisted Fantasy," and releasing her own full-length debut, "Pink Friday." With Wayne back on

the touring circuit, she's back to playing the role of understudy, but notice has been served: Wayne and Minaj are joined by Rick Ross, live hip-hop drummer extraordinaire Travis Barker and DJ Mix Master Miles on a crowded hill that kicks Mike on a crowded bill that kicks off at 7 p.m. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW (Metro: Gallery Place). 202-397-7328. www.verizon center.com. \$49.75-\$125.75.

#### TASTE OF THE NATION

Monday Share Our Strength's annual foodie Monday
Share Our Strength's annual foodie conclave lets you sample the goods from just about any restaurant you can imagine in the D.C. area — nearly 80 confirmed, from 1789 and Againn to Zentan and Zola — while 100 percent of ticket sales benefit more than 100 anth-lhunger charties across the country, including the Capitol Area Food Bank, D.C. Hunger Solutions and Mary's Center, You'll even be able to sample bites from up-and-coming D.C. restaurants that haven't opened, such as Mike Isabella's Graffiato and Todd Gray's Watershed. It's a win-win in the most (full)filling sonse. National Building Museum, 401 F.St. NW (Motro: Judiciary Square).
202-272-2448. www.strength.org/washington. 595; VIP admission, including early access and special demonstrations, \$150.

### **NEW YORK CITY BALLET**

Tuesday-April 10
After seeing "Black Swan," anyone who hears black and white used in reference to a ballet is going to get

the wrong idea: While the two the wrong idea: While the two colors are often shorthand for good and evil, as in "Swan Lake," George Balanchine used the two colors to underscore simplicity. The legendary choreographer wasn't as concerned with storyline or costume as he was with the pure artists of measurement which is the costume as he was with the pure artistry of movement, which is the point of emphasis for the New York Ballet Company's trio of fluxed repertory Balanchine ballets, beginning Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Kennedy Center, Opera House, 2700 F St. NW (Metro: Foggy Bottom), 202-467-4600.

www.kennedy-center.org. \$25-\$85.

Tuesday With such a menacing moniker, you With such a menacing moniker, you might think your ears are in for a nautical assault when Destroyer plays the Black Cat's main stage. What you'll find instead is the soft-spoken, technically gorgeous machinations of Dan Bejar, probably best known for his work with Canadian power-pop supergroup the New Pornographers. He received rave reviews for this year's Destroyer LP, "Kaputt," a disc that blends Bejar's breathy, upturned wordplay with a breathy, upturned wordplay with a musical style that sounds more U Street). 202-667-7960. www.blackcatdc.com. \$15.

- Alex Baldinger

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Susan McKeown's "Singing in the Dark" has more successes

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#### THEATER



Signature's And the Curtain Rises comes across as a pedestrian affair.

THE WASHINGTON POST

# Moving art along the 'Corridor'

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

There are no rock stars in "Corridor." The

exhibition at the Art Museum of the Americas doesn't scream to be seen.

But the 12-artist show — taking up both floors of the little-known and under-visited Spanish Colonial mansion-turned-art space just one block south of the Cororam Gallery of Art — is deserving of a listen for its quiet revolutions.

As it has done several times now, the Art whose title alludes to the term commonly used to describe the area along 1-95 between Washington and Baltimore. It wasn't conceived this way, but "Corridor" is a show about traveling, in more ways than one.

On the most literal level, it's a way of introducing some Baltimore artists to a D.C. audience. Six of the 12 are from Charm City, the other of form Washington.

addence. Six Orion Washington. A couple of the Baltimoreans are household names there: Joyce J. Scott, who's know for her beaded sculptures, and John Ruppert, whose signature works are made from chain-link fencing. They're not so promi-nent here, and "Corridor" is a good opportu-

nent nere, and Cornor is a good opportunity to rectify that.

Of the Washington contingent, Brandon Morse probably comes closest to being our local rock star. The video artist, who shows at the white-hot Conner Contemporary art. gallery, contributes one of his trademark digital animations, generated by home-made software. Called "Mariana," and evok-



Images from the "L3" series, by Bernhard Hildebrandt, are part the exhibition "Corridor" at the Art Museum of the Americas.

ing both the inside of a blood vessel and some strange and troubling geological eruption, the lush, wall-filling projection is a standout.

It's in the same room as Jeff Spaulding's "Raft," a pile of all-black trash that — as meticulously assembled by the Washington artist — has the majesty of a bronze monument to garbage. Spaulding's work also calls to mind the famous shipwreck painting "The Raft of the Medusa," by Theodore Gericault. Set adrift in an imaginary sea, "Raft" contains an implicit critique of our castoff-crazy culture.
Other notable artists include Sofia Silva.

You'll find the Baltimore photographer's gorgeously bleak — and empty — urban landscapes hanging near Susana Raab's work. The contrast could not be more stark. Raab, from Washington, shoots the teeming beach culture of coastal Peru.

But the best juxtaposition, well handled by curators Laura Roulet and Irene Hofmann, is between the work of Washingtonian Phil Nesmith and Baltimore's Bernhard Hildebrandt, whose pictures hang in the same gallery. Here, the traveling is a kind of time travel.

Both artists are photographers, but neither uses a camera. Instead, Nesmith makes photograms — images created by placing objects (in this case insects) directly on photographic paper, in the manner of the great Man Ray, and exposing it to light. Nesmith's pictures hang opposite those of Hildebrandt, who prints images taken from a TSA body-scanner — a high-tech kind of photogram — in a way that imitates the early photographic work of Eadweard Muybridge. There's also ally commentary our croding sense of privacy.

One of the things art does is take us somewhere we couldn't (or wouldn't) otherwise go. At its best, "Corridor" connects us not just with new ideas.

#### CORRIDOR

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Through June 26 at the Art Museum of the Americas, 20118th St. NW Motro: Farragut West). 202458-6016. www.museum.cas.org.
Hours: Open Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Free.





Baltimore artist Soledad Salame's "Gulf Distortions" is a series of photos shot in Louisiana after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The images were

Soledad Salame's contribution to 
"Corridor" is a suite of 12 photographs 
silkscreened on Mylar. Called "Gulf 
Distortions," they're images the 
Battimore artist shot in the Vanice and 
Grand Isle areas of Louisiana after the 
Deepwater Horizon blowout. They have a 
funny look, as though they're being 
viewed on a staticky old TV. 
The degradation of the images — 
which echoes that of the environment 
they depict — comes from the artist 
faxing the photographs to herself, which 
ends up pixelating the content. The 
shimmer comes not from the Mylar but, 
from something called "interference 
pigment," a high-tech ink that lends the 
surface a pearlescentiluster. 
They shimmer prettly, like an orisidik, 
even as they seem to fall apart. 
— Michael O'Sullivan.



"Mariana" is a digital animation by Brandon Morse, one of the D.C. artists in the "Corridor" exhibit.

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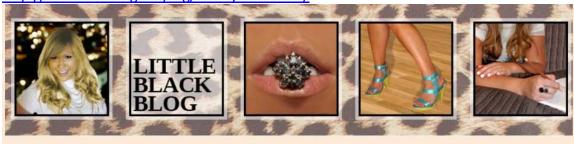




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#### Weekend round-up.

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Check out our post on GalTime.com for a list of events coming up this weekend. Our favorite? Free and informative? Don't mind if we do. AMA / Art Museum of the Americas will be opening Corridor, an exhibition showcasing the work of Baltimore and DC artists that "flips the conventional artistcurator relationship on its side .

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#### Arts Agenda

>> Will D.C. soon be joining the ranks of fine art festival go-to locations like Miami and New York? The inaugural (e)merge art fair has been officially scheduled for September 22-25 at the Capitol Skyline Hotel. Behind the event, "a new vetted art fair that internationalizes the current groundswell of creative activity in DC," is Leigh Conner and Jamie Smith, of Conner Contemporary, and Helen Allen, former creator and Executive Director of PULSE Art Fairs. They'll be working with, among others, the Phillips Collection, the National Gallery of Art and the National Museum of Women in the Arts to create events during the fair. (e)merge is accepting applications from galleries, non-profits and unrepresented artists through May



Patrick McDonough, Vinyl Record, 2011, Civilian Art Projects, Custom Cut Vinyl Record in Hand Painted Chipboard Jacket (Tracks contain backmasked audio from Joy of Painting episode 'Splendor')

>> Join the spirit of Hobert inappietnorpe this Saturday at the Corcoran Gallery of Art for <u>Curture Wars: Then and Now</u>, a free, day-long panel presentation and discussion about art censoriship in Washington, D.C. When the Corcoran made the decision in 1989 to pull <u>Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment</u>, a planned retrospective containing over 150 works by the photographer, or risk a federal hit in funding to the <u>National Endowment for the Arts</u>, the <u>Washington Project for the Arts</u> provided <u>exhibition space</u> for the controversial works only a month later. Twenty one years later in December 2010, Congress echoed the threat to yank funding, this time to the National Portrait Gallery, over <u>Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture</u>, which featured the video A Fire in My Belly, which examines AIDS in American society, by artist <u>David Wojnarowicz</u>, who died of the disease in 1992 – the video was subsequently removed from the exhibit. In response, <u>Culture Wars: Then and Now</u> discusses the culture wars in the late 1980s and early 1990s and how freedom of expression and public support for the arts are currently being debated. Panelists include Svetlana Mintcheva, Director of Programs at the National Coalition Against Censorship and the Corcoran's own Chief Curator and Head of Research Philip Brookman, who, in fact, was WPA Director in 1989. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free, but <u>tickets</u> are required.

>> Stop by the Art Museum of the Americas on Thursday for the opening reception of Corridor, an exhibit conceived by Baltimore and D.C. artists. Curators Irene Hofmann, Director and Chief Curator at SITE, Santa Fe, former Executive Director of the Contemporary Museum in Baltimore, and Laura Roulet, independent DC curator and art historian, worked with the artists -- six from Baltimore and six from Washington -- challenging the conventional artist-curator relationship. The resulting exhibition showcases exceptional examples of some recent trends in art from the region and includes sculpture, installation, printmaking, photography, and video works. Opening reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with an artist talk at 5:30 p.m. Free.

>> On Friday, <u>Civilian Art Projects</u> hosts a reception for *Opening Act*, an exploration of fan behavior by artist Patric McDonough, the inaugural show in "The Entrance", their new project space at 1019 7th Street NW. The four pieces "deal in issues of fan behavior, relationships between music and art production, decoration, sites of creative invention, class, accessible custom culture, free time, use value, and interactions between artists and their audiences and supporters. Below the surface this exhibition furthers my investigation into who art is for, what art is and does, and what it can and should be about," as McDonough describes. 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

>>> Clear out your closets and drawers and bring your unwanted clothes to Hillyer Art Space on Saturday for their first ever Swap Shop. Receive one ticket for each item you bring that can be exchanged for another item of your choice. Swap Shop is open to both men and women, with separate rooms for each. Vintage clothes vendors will also be on hand with one-of-a-kind items available for purchase. Tickets cost just \$10 and all leftover clothes will be donated to Martha's Table. Doors open at 11 a.m. for item sorting; swapping is from noon until 4 p.m.



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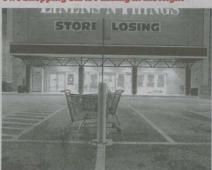


the Liangzhu culture and its impact on future art, "Arts of Japan," springtime cherry blossoms and cherry maples are only a small sample of how the seasons influence Japanese art, through March 4, 2012. "Chinamania: Whistler and the Victorian Craze for Blue and White," the 23 pieces in this small exhibit include blue-and-white Chinese ceramic dishes, as well as drawings, paintings and etchings by James McNeill Whistler, the American expatriate who helped poputarize Chinese porcelain in Victorian England, through Aug. 1. "Japanese Screens," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, a rotating set of screens painted to match different times of year, through Jan. 22, 2012. "Tea," from stoneware to porcelain, tea utensils demonstrate the changing of the seasons, through March 4, 2012. "Arts of Japan" Tour, a tour of Japanese art on display at the Freer and Sackler galleries, Sat. and Sun., 1 p.m. Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000,

LAST CHARCE Gallery 555: "Landscapes: Big & Small," abstract paintings by Georgia Nassikas, oil paintings by Ellen Sinel and wood sculpture by Bruce Fransen, Thu. Sun. 555 12th St. NW; 202-383-1409, Gallery 555dc.com.

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#### Two Shopping Carts Passing in the Night



LONELY CARTS CLUB: "Store Losing," a photograph by Baltimore artist Sofia Silva, is one of the works featured in "Corridor," an exhibition of work by area talents. It opens Thursday at the Art Museum of the Americas.

Room," paper, prints, photographs by Steven Cushner, Godfrey Frankel, Franz Jantzen, Al Jensen, Martin Puryear, Robert Rauschenberg, Tanya Marcuse, Alma Thomas and others. Paintings and mixed media by William Christenberry, Thomas Downing, Robin Rose, Tom Sachs and others, Thu.-Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: "Blinky Palermo: Retrospective 1984-1977," the first comprehensive survey of the German postwar painter's work demonstrates a keen mastery of the Modernist technique, through May 15. "Directions: Mario Garcia Torres and Cyprien Gaillard," the two artists examine recent art to investigate the impact and foundation on today's artists and cultural thinking, through Sun. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorns Ledu.

Historical Society of Washington: "Choosing to Participate;" Facing History and Ourselves, an educational non-profit organization, presents a traveling collection of photos and installations about democratic society and prejudice, through June 17. 801 K St. NW; 202-383-1850, Historydc.org.

Honfleur: "Try a Little Tenderness as Painful as It Seems," works by Canadian artist Ben Skinner that focus on the Anacostia, through April 8. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, Honfleurnallery.com.

International Visions: "Interconnected," artist Stan Squirewell creates work that focuses on the powerful and the powerless, through April 23, 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine: "Image/Fame/Memory," pictures by four famous photographers known for their loonic Images of famous people, through April 16. 14t2 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, Irvinecontemporary.com. Jerusalem Fund: "Glimpse," photog-

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**Cultural Tourism DC Announces Upcoming Events**Cultural Tourism DC is giving Event Update subscribers a sne at upcoming events offering both visitors and residents the opportunity to discover the real DC!

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- 2011, and chefs from Washington's embassies will compete in this third annual friendly cooking competition. Proceeds from the Embassy Chef Challenge support the many free programs of Cultural Tourism DC. <u>Tickets</u> are still available.
  Now in its fourth year, <u>Passport DC</u> invites participants to experience a global journey during the entire month of May. Dozens of embassies and international culture centers will offer a wide range of family friendly activities.
  This year's <u>WalkingTown DC</u> and <u>BikingTown DC</u> expands to ten days over two consecutive weekends in the fall, September 24 October 2. Featuring more than 100 free walking and biking tours through all eight wards of the city. Participants will journey through DC history, art, and culture.

#### **Events Starting This Week**

# Theater - Let Freedom Sing: The Story of Marian Anderson March 24, 2011 - March 27, 2011 Takoma Theatre Conservancy

Theater - King Lear March 24, 2011 - April 24, 2011 Shakespeare Theatre Compnay

Exhibition - Corridor: Exciting new work by Baltimore and Washington artists opens at AMA March 24
March 24, 2011 - June 26, 2011 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Art Museum of the Americas

Exhibition - Special Exhibition: Cross References March 26, 2011 - July 31, 2011

Dumbarton Oaks

## Other Events

#### Thursday, March 24, 2011

Program - Children's Class: Fanciful Heroes

10:30 am - 11:15 am

Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

Program - Celebrate Women's History Month at Mary McLeod Bethune National Historic Site

1:00 pm

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site

<u>Lecture - For the Greener Good: Historic Preservation vs. Sustainability</u> 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm National Building Museum

Film - 4th Annual Forum on Women in Leadership

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#### Weekly Art Lens by Beth Shook

22 March 2011 11:00 AM | By Prince Of Petworth in Beth Shock, art



Coming soon to the Renwick: Judith Schaechter, The Floor, 2006, glass, Collection of Claire Oliver and Ian Rubinstein, Photo by Dominic Episcopo

"Culture Wars: Then and Now" at the Corcoran Gallery: Given recent events at the Smithsonian, this symposium on freedom of expression over the past two decades comes at a pivotal moment — and at a venue that has its own tangled history with art censorship. Panel topics range from the evolution of the "offensive" to public funding for the arts, with panelists including Corcoran Chief Curator Philip Brookman, a diverse group of scholars and curators and D.C.'s own iPad protestors. The event is hosted in conjunction with Transformer, the D.C. gallery that first opted to display David Wojnarowicz's controversial video after it was pulled from the Portrait Gallery. March 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro: Farragut West or Farragut North.

Corridor at the Art Museum of the Americas: The AMA takes an unconventional approach to their latest exhibition, inviting a group of contemporary Baltimore and Washington-based artists to participate in a collaborative curatorial process. The twelve artists on view work in a variety of mediums; I'm particularly looking forward to whatever Martha Jackson-Jarvis's mixed-media installation "Vegan's Table, Cry Me a River" might entail. On view March 24 to June 26. Opening reception March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Metro: Farragut West



## Washington Post – newspaper, United States – March 21, 2011

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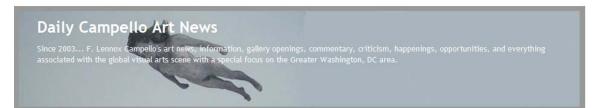
at the Art Museum of the Americas. The show includes prints, photography, video, sculpture, and more. There will be a talk and reception with the artists and curators from 5:30 to 8:30.

http://www.washingtonian.com/blogarticles/artsfun/afterhours/18746.html



#### Daily Campello - online, United States - March 18, 2011

http://dcartnews.blogspot.com/2011/03/corridor-corridor-unusual-exhibition.html



FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

Corridor



Corridor, an unusual exhibition showcasing the work of twelve established artists, six from Baltimore and six from Washington, D.C., a show that flips the conventional artist-curator relationship on

its side with enticing results.

The exhibit was conceived by Baltimore-based artists Bernhard Hildebrandt, Soledad Salamé and Joyce J. Scott working jointly with AMA; the premise being to challenge the artist and curator relationship, allowing for participating artists from each city to select another artist to exhibit in an "artist choose artist" format.

Once all twelve artists were in place, one curator from each city, Irene Hofmann, Director and Chief Curator at SITE, Santa Fe, and former Executive Director of the Contemporary Museum in Baltimore; and Laura Roulet, independent DC curator and art historian, was selected to work with the artists of the opposite city.

Corridor features the work of D.C. artists Martha Jackson Jarvis, Brandon Morse, Phil Nesmith, Michael Platt, Susana Raab, and Jeff Spaulding; and Baltimore artists Oletha DeVane, Bernhard Hildebrandt, John Ruppert, Soledad Salamé, Joyce J. Scott, and Sofia Silva. The selected artists' work represents a wide range of media and approaches, from sculpture, installation, printmaking and photography to video. The resulting exhibition showcases exceptional examples of some recent trends in art from the region.

Thursday, March 24 at 5:30pm: Gallery talk and exhibition preview Thursday, March 24 at 6:30pm: Opening reception

On view March 24 - June 26, 2011 Art Museum of the Americas

201 18th Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 AM-5 PM

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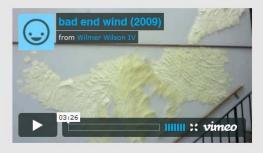


MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

#### Wilmer Wilson IV

Last Friday, along with artists Tim Tate ( whose work just opened in the Milwaukee Art Museum's The New Materiality: Digital Dialogues at the Boundaries of Contemporary Craft two days go) and Susana Raab (whose work from her "Cholita" series will be in the Corridor exhibition at the Art Museum of the Americas opening March 24), we got together with four young artists whom we're mentoring as part of Strathmore's new visual arts mentorship program.

I'll be discussing all four throughout the next few months, but let me start with the work of the very young Wilmer Wilson IV, from Chesterfield, Virginia, and currently a student at Howard University in Washington, DC. Before I start discussing his work, you start by viewing the below video of his installation titled Machine: Bad End.







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C.GRIMALDIS GALLERY

#### C. Grimaldis Gallery artists John Ruppert and Sofia Silva featured in Art Museum of the Americas exhibition.

"Corridor" at the Art Museum of the Americas will open on Thursday, March 24 with a gallery talk at 5:30 pm followed by a reception at 6:30 pm. The Art Museum of the Americas is located at 201 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

"Corridor" is an artist conceived and organized exhibition showcasing the work of Baltimore and Washington based artists selected by their contemporaries.

John Ruppert and Sofia Silva are two of the twelve exhibiting artists in the exhibition curated by Irene Hofmann and Laura Roulet.

For more information about "Corridor" visit the Art Museum of the Americas website.

#### JOHN RUPPERT



'The chain-link pieces 'Gourd' in galvanized, stainless steel and 'Crucible' in aluminum marry the abstract beauty of geometric forms with the grittiness of industrial materials, specifically and most particularly 'prison-grade' steel. Reminiscent of Buckminster Filler's geodesic domes and spheres, the structures use steel's tensile qualities for lightweight strength and stability.'

- Laura Roulet, "Corridor" exhibition catalog, 2011



"Riverjacks," 2002, granite, copper, cast aluminum, bronze and iron, 18 x 40 x 16 inches each

#### SOFIA SILVA



Outstanding in their eerie anonymity and technical proficiency, [Sofia Silva's photographs] are striking, glossy objects of what French anthropologist Marc Auge would term 'non-places.' Focusing on places of transcience and flow, rather than stasis, with no historical markers, Silva brings her outsider perspective as an Argentinean to the vernacular North American Landscape."

- Laura Roulet, "Corridor" exhibition catalog, 2011



"Sam's Club," C-print, 80 x 20 inches