A Message from the Director

It gives me great pleasure to formally announce the Hammer Contemporary Collection. In the last two years we have acquired contemporary works on paper, photographs, and sculpture through purchase and donation. Due to the amazing generosity of our donors, the collection has now reached a critical mass and will be on view in two exhibitions opening in January and May.

The Hammer's public programs continue to attract an enthusiastic and diverse audience. This fall, we raised awareness about Darfur through Hammer Forum, investigated Warhol's factory in Edie Sedgwick, and collaborated with Freeways to present a two-day video installation. In December, we began holding most programs in the new state-of-the-art Billy Wilder Theater. Named for the great Hollywood writer/director, the Theater is jointly programmed by the Hammer and the UCLA Film & Television Archive. I invite you to become part of the Theater's legacy by joining our seat campaign. Details are on page 21.

In October the Museum celebrated its fourth annual Gala in the Garden with co-chairs Anjelica Huston and Robert Grisham, and Eva and Robert Shaye, to honor John Baldessari and Joan Didion. We are grateful for the continued loyalty and generosity of our supporters who made this year's Gala our most successful to date. Also this fall, the Museum presented the exceptional exhibition Wolfgang Tillmans, the first American retrospective by the internationally recognized German artist. Beginning in January the Hammer will be the only U.S. venue for Vieja Calima: A Drawings Retrospective. It will be a pleasure to have some of Calima's rarely exhibited works on view at the Hammer.

Also beginning in January, our esteemed Chief Curator, Russell Ferguson, will become the Chair of UCLA's Department of Art. I congratulate Russell on his appointment and am delighted that he will continue to work with the Hammer as an adjunct curator. I am equally delighted to announce that Gary Garrels will assume the role of the Hammer's Chief Curator and Deputy Director of Exhibitions and Public Programs. Please join me in congratulating both Russell and Gary for their accomplishments.

I look forward to seeing you at the Hammer in the coming months.

Ann Philbin
Director

Hammer Contemporary Collection Part I

JANUARY 16 - APRIL 8, 2007

The Hammer Museum has launched a new initiative to build a collection of contemporary art. This new collection is led by works on paper, particularly drawings and photographs, but also includes painting, sculpture, and media arts. The emphasis of the Hammer Contemporary Collection is on works created since the 1960s, with particular focus on art of the last 10 years. The Hammer is particularly grateful to our Board of Overseers for their ongoing support and annual contributions to the Hammer Contemporary Collection's acquisition fund.

This exhibition in two parts premieres the Hammer Contemporary Collection. Part I will highlight photographic works and abstract drawings, including works by such artists as John Baldessari, Louise Bourgeois, Mark Grotjahn, Sharon Lockhart, Brice Marden, Agnes Martin, Catherine Opie, and Ed Ruscha. Part II, on view from mid-April to August 2007, will present works in all mediums, focusing on figurative and imagistic works. In addition, in winter 2008 the Hammer will present an exhibition of recent acquisitions of historical and contemporary prints in the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts.

This exhibition is organized by Gary Garrels, Chief Curator and Deputy Director of Exhibitions and Public Programs at the Hammer Museum.
Vija Celmins
A DRAWINGS RETROSPECTIVE
JANUARY 28 – APRIL 22, 2007

The Hammer Museum is the only US venue for the major international traveling exhibition Vija Celmins: A Drawings Retrospective, featuring approximately 65 works on paper from the 1960s to the present, the exhibition investigates all stages of the artist’s career and includes important examples from some of Celmins’s most significant series of precisely drawn objects, landscapes, and natural phenomena.

One of the few women emerging from the Pop Art movement and one of the most important artists of the postwar generation, Vija Celmins is renowned for works that call upon the principles of conceptua
ty. At the same time, she employs realistic trompe-l’oeil techniques to exquisitely render such familiar objects as letters, pencils, photographs, and magazine clippings as well as close-up frames of ocean views, constellation-filled skies, and desert surfaces. Her graphite and charcoal drawings, which can take many months to complete, depict scenes in varied tones and shadows of grey in which depth of field and color range are remarkably absent, and spaces seem to extend infinitely beyond the paper’s edge.

JANUARY 28 – APRIL 22, 2007

The Hammer Museum is the inaugural venue for Crystal Palace, a new film by Austrian artist Mathias Poledna. The film was commissioned as part of the Three M Project, an Innovative partnership between the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, the New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, to jointly commission and present new works by emerging artists.

Crystal Palace is an installation of a 35mm film comprising three long, contemplative shots of the montane rainforest landscape of the Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. The film, close to 30 minutes long, is presented as a large-scale projection. Using tightly framed, medium-close to medium-wide shots, the film’s few and carefully selected scenes capture the rich colors, patterns, textures, structures, and the overall fields created by these natural elements. The film is accompanied by a soundtrack mixing on-location and archival field recordings of, among other ambient sounds, distinct bird calls from the region. Crystal Palace engages with the histories of both anthropological and avant-garde film.

Related Programs

CONVERSATION
MATHIAS POLEDNA & PAMELA M. LEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 7PM
Art historian Pamela M. Lee talks with artist Mathias Poledna about his recent work.

SCREENINGS
TUESDAYS, MARCH 13 & MARCH 27, 7PM
A two-night series showcasing ethnographic films from the 1900s to the present, selected by Mathias Poledna, including Jack Goldstein’s Underwater Sea Fantasy and Lazlo Moholy-Nagy’s The New Architecture of the London Zoo. For full schedule, visit www.hammer.ucla.edu.

Mathias Poledna: Crystal Palace is organized by Russell Ferguson, Chair of the Department of Art at UCLA and Adjunct Curator at the Hammer Museum.

Mathias Poledna: Crystal Palace is part of the Three M Project—a series by the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; and the New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, to commission, organize, and co-present new works of art.

This exhibition is made possible, in part, with the support of the Austrian Cultural Forum New York.
Hammer Projects
Kendell Carter
Ezra Johnson
Ola Pehrson

Hammer Projects is a series of exhibitions focusing primarily on the work of emerging artists.

Hammer Projects is made possible with support from The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, the Annenberg Foundation, Fox Entertainment Group’s Arts Development Fee, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, members of the Hammer Circle, and the David Teiger Curatorial Travel Fund.

KENDELL CARTER
THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2007

Kendell Carter is a recent graduate from the University of California, Long Beach. His installations bring together elements of urban street chic, modernist architecture, and textile and furniture design, funneling these disparate references into the domain of the gallery. Camouflage, brand-name clothing, and chromed graffiti tags mark a virtual space that questions the identity of the objects and their use and significance in contemporary society.

ERZA JOHNSON
JANUARY 12 – MAY 6, 2007

Ezra Johnson’s New animated low-tech digital film, What Visions Burn (2006), uses lushly colored paintings and collaged figures to tell the story of a pair of art thieves in New York City. Each animation is a laborious process, as Johnson paints and repaints the surface of his canvases to create each frame of film, which uses visual elements and sound effects to narrate the scenario. Johnson’s amusing depictions of the art world’s many characters and his poetic representations of the city tell a story both romantic and unexpected.

JAN VAN DER PLOEG
JANUARY 23 – JUNE 24, 2007

Jan van der Ploeg first began painting his geometric designs on the walls of buildings in his native Amsterdam. Since then, he has painted his motifs in different permutations at galleries and institutions all over the world. Using various combinations of common shapes, bold colors, and shifts in scale, his mural paintings invite viewers to experience spaces in new and dynamic ways. Van der Ploeg’s large-scale painting installed in the Museum’s lobby considers the specific architecture of the space, adding new depth and dimension to a familiar place.

ERIK VAN LIESHOUT
JANUARY 26 – APRIL 22, 2007

With his camera always on, Dutch artist Erik van Lieshout sets out on spirited journeys turning whomever or whatever he encounters into subject matter for his social documentaries. His endless curiosity and his disarming personality encourage strangers to share their intimate feelings and politics openly with him. In his drawings, paintings, and collages, van Lieshout continues this ferocious exploration of the behaviors of people he meets with aggressive, sometimes violent, sexual imagery. The artist will produce a new mixed-media installation for the Hammer Museum while living and learning about Los Angeles.

OLLA PEHRSON
FEBRUARY 24 – MAY 27, 2007

Ola Pehrson’s Hunt for the Unabomber (2005) is a recreation of a documentary film on the notorious American terrorist Ted Kaczynski. Though the subject is dark, the video’s black-and-white Images have an eerie, ethereal quality of their own: one slowly realizes that the filmed scenes are not in fact real, but rather created entirely at the screenwriter’s directions and imagination. Pehrson’s simulations of the city tell a story both romantic and unexpected.

Hamer Projects: Jan van der Ploeg received additional support from The Barbro Osher/Pro Suecia Foundation, The American-Scandanavian Foundation, and the Consulate General of Sweden in Los Angeles. It is presented in conjunction with Beyond Blond 2007, an annual Swedish cultural festival.
In addition to Hammer public programs, the Billy Wilder Theater is also the new home of the UCLA Film & Television Archive's renowned cinemathèque. Beginning in February, all screenings that were previously held in the James Bridges Theater on the UCLA campus will be screened at the Hammer's new, state-of-the-art Theater. Below are a few highlights from the seasons. For specific dates, showtimes, and tickets, visit www.cinema.ucla.edu.

FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2007
The Archive presents films written and/or directed by Wilder—both the classics and the little-known—in mini-retrospectives. These screenings feature some of Wilder's most beloved films followed by conversations between the Archive's Honorary Chairman, writer-director Curtis Hanson, and select people who worked with Wilder, including his widow, Audrey L. Wilder.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2007
Dubbed the father of Italian neo-realist, Rossellini is a crucial figure in film history whose works span 20th-century Italian history. This retrospective of the master filmmaker presents approximately 20 features as well as a selection of Rossellini's films for television. Highlights include new prints of Rome Open City (1945) and Vanina Vanini (1961). Special guests to be announced.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ARCHIVE EVENTS ARE TICKETED.
Tickets are available online at www.cinema.ucla.edu and in person at the Theater box office.

$9 for general admission
$8 for Hammer members, students, seniors, and Cineclub members
$7 for students and seniors who are also Cineclub members

Hammer Screenings
a.k.a. Nikki S. Lee
The Music of Regret

A.K.A. NIKKI S. LEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 7PM
The Hammer presents the West Coast premiere of Nikki S. Lee's first film, followed by a Q&A with the artist. Lee continues her ongoing investigation of social and personal identity in the documentary style film a.k.a. Nikki S. Lee, which in Lee's words is "a mix of reality and unreality, acting and non-acting," tracking real-life events in the past two years of Lee's life.

LAURIE SIMMONS'S
THE MUSIC OF REGRET
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 7PM
The new film by the renowned American photographer Laurie Simmons, The Music of Regret, is a three-act cinematic musical starring Meryl Streep, members of the Alvin Alley 11 dance company, and a cast of vintage puppets and ventriloquist dummies. The screening is followed by a Q&A with the artist. Simmons is also giving a lecture on her work. See page 17 for details.

This ongoing series pairs creative thinkers from a range of disciplines for engaging, provocative discussions on culture, science, and the arts.

Manohla Dargis & Nicolai Ouroussoff
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 6PM
Film critic Manohla Dargis and architectural critic Nicolai Ouroussoff engage in a conversation about the nuances of critical writing and the newspaper's role within an ever-changing digital age. Dargis is presently chief film critic for The New York Times and has written for LA Weekly, the Los Angeles Times, and Sight and Sound. Ouroussoff is chief architecture critic at The New York Times and has written about architecture and urban design in cities from New Orleans to Berlin. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 2006.

Amy Arbus & A. M. Homes
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 7PM
Photographer Amy Arbus and author A. M. Homes discuss the cultural and artistic milieu of New York during the 1980s. Arbus is a contributing photographer to New York Magazine's theater section. Her third book, On the Street, features selected images from her monthly page that appeared in the style section of The Village Voice in the 1980s. Homes has authored many books including the critically acclaimed short story collection The Safety of Objects and the recent novel This Book Will Save Your Life. She is a regular contributor to Vanity Fair, The New Yorker, and Artforum.

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Hammer Presents
Cory McAbee
Myra Melford

OFF-SCREEN
Leslie Hall
The Kitchen Sisters

Hammer Presents is a series of interdisciplinary events produced by leading musicians, filmmakers, and visual artists.

CORY MCAABEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 8PM
A performer, a visual artist, and a filmmaker, Cory McAbee combines his experience in these various disciplines to create an entertaining evening of live music performance staged before a set of projected images. His award-winning films include The American Astronaut, The Man on the Moon, and The Ketchup and the Mustard Man. He is also the singer/songwriter for the musical group The Bill Nayer Show.

MYRA MELFORD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 8PM
Pianist and composer Myra Melford is Assistant Professor of Improvisation and Jazz in the Music Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Melford currently leads four jazz groups: Be Bread, an electro-acoustic quartet; The Tent, a flexible group of groups: Be Bread, an electro-acoustic quartet; The Tent, a flexible group of five musicians; a cooperative duo with Joseph Jarman and Myriam Klein, artist and independent curator.

LESLIE HALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 8PM
Visual artist and performer Leslie Hall screens her music videos and presents an entertaining live show with her beat-dazzling co-hort DJ Dr Laura. Hall attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and is now the creator of the world's only Mobile Gem Sweater Museum.

NPR'S THE KITCHEN SISTERS
A NIGHT OF READING, RADIO, AND SOME FINE HIDDEN KITCHEN COOKING OR WHAT IS IT ABOUT MEN AND MEAT AND MIDNIGHT AND A FIT?
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 8PM
The Kitchen Sisters (Davia Nelson & Nikki Silva) have produced two Peabody Award-winning NPR series and have recently released their first book, Hidden Kitchens: Stories, Recipes, and More from NPR's The Kitchen Sisters, inspired by their Morning Edition series. In this program, The Sisters present audio clips, true life stories, and some clandestine cooking found in the most unlikely places across Los Angeles.

OFF-SCREEN ORGANIZED BY DARIN KLEIN
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 8PM
This live performance integrates found film and video footage in new work by Los Angeles-based filmmakers and art collectives: Fi-Stop Serenade, Ryan Heffington, Lucas Michael, New Energy Encounter Group, Lawrence Rengert, and Kelly Sears. These artists employ disparate technical practices and aesthetic sensibilities, rich with references to both contemporary art and popular entertainment, to bridge the gap between images on the screen and actions on the stage. This presentation is organized by Darin Klein, artist and independent curator.

LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: OFF SCREEN (PHOTO, KELLY SEARS); CORY MCAABEE (PHOTO, DANIEL K. PHOTOS, MYRA MELFORD).

JOHN WELCHMAN
Gail Levin
Johan Grimonprez
Laura Flanders

Hammer Lectures are supported by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation.

DAY IS DONE
JOHN WELCHMAN ON MIKE KELLEY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7PM
John Welchman is a professor of Visual Arts at the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of Art After Appropriation: Essays on Art in the 1980s and, most recently, a survey on LA-based contemporary artist Mike Kelley. He speaks on Kelley's work, which often questions systems of authority and cultural attitudes toward family, religion, sexuality, art history, and education.

BECOMING JUDY CHICAGO: A BIOGRAPHY OF THE ARTIST
GAIL LEVIN
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 6PM
Gail LeVijn's most recent book, Becoming Judy Chicago: A Biography of the Artist chronicles the artist's journey from obscurity to fame, revealing Chicago as a woman of extraordinary energy and insight. Levin is a noted biographer, art historian, curator, and Professor of Art History, American Studies, and Women's Studies at the City University of New York. Her illustrated lecture is followed by a book signing.

BLUE GRIT
LAURA FLANDERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7PM
Political commentator Laura Flanders reads from her new work Blue Grit: True Democrats Take Back Politics from the Politicians, which profiles progressive victories in our times. Flanders is the host of Radio Nation on Air America and has written Bushwomen: Tales of a Cynical Species and Real Majority, Media Minority: The Cost of Sidelining Women in Reporting. The lecture is followed by a book signing.

Presents in conjunction with WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.

JOHAN GRIMONPREZ
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 7PM
Belgian video artist Johan Grimonprez, creator of the well-known work dot I-S-F-D-R-Y, talks about his new video, Looking for Alfred, which blurs the line between life and cinema as it documents the search for the perfect Hitchcock look-alike. Grimonprez's works have been included in numerous solo and group exhibitions in Europe and the US, including Fair Use, which was viewed at Hammer in 2005.
Calendar of events

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a.k.a. Nikki S. Lee
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18 Thu 7pm Hammer Readings: Poetry
Rachel Wetzsteen
21 Sun 12pm Sunday Afternoons for Kids
Glasgow Phillips
28 Sun 4pm Vija Celmins: Conversation
Vija Celmins & Gary Garrels
28 Sun 6pm Hammer Readings: New American Writing
Colson Whitehead
30 Tue 7pm Hammer Forum: Extremism and Islam
Khaled Abou El Fadl
31 Wed 7pm Hammer Screenings
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Free weekly talks and tours
Lunchtime Art Talks are held every Wednesday at 12:30pm.
These brief discussions focus on works of art on view or in the collections. For more details, see page 19.
Join Hammer Museum educators for free tours of special exhibitions Tuesdays at 1pm and Thursdays at 7pm & 6pm.

FEBRUARY
1 Thu 7pm Hammer Lectures: UCLA Department of Art
Laurie Simmons
2 Fri 8pm Hammer Presents
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HAMMER READINGS

Some Favorite Writers
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DEBORAH EISENBERG
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7PM
Deborah Eisenberg reads from Twilight of the Superheroes, her fifth book of short stories. A recipient of a Whiting Writers’ Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and three O. Henry Awards, Eisenberg is also the author of Transactions in a Foreign Currency, Under the 82nd Airborne, and All Around Atlantis. She is a professor of creative writing at the University of Virginia.

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SARAH MANGUSO
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JANE HIRSCHFIELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 7PM
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New American Writing
Colson Whitehead
Christine Schutt
Tom Drury

A series of contemporary fiction and poetry readings organized by Benjamin Weissman, author of two books of short fiction, most recently Headless, and professor of creative writing at Art Center College of Design and Otis College of Art + Design.

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MAGGIE NELSON & MATT SHARPE
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 6PM
Maggie Nelson is the author of two collections of poetry, Shiner and The Last Winter. She is currently on faculty in the school of critical studies at California Institute of the Arts. Matthew Sharpe reads from his novel, Homesickness, and from his most recent poetry collection, The Other Country.

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MAGGIE NELSON & MATT SHARPE
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 6PM
Maggie Nelson is the author of two collections of poetry, Shiner and The Last Winter. She is currently on faculty in the school of critical studies at California Institute of the Arts. Matthew Sharpe reads from his novel, Homesickness, and from his most recent poetry collection, The Other Country.
**The Hammer Readings**

**Sunday Afternoons**

Glasgow Phillips  
J. Ryan Stradal  
John & James Reichmuth  
Ben Acker & Ben Blacker

Presented in collaboration with 826LA, this series of workshops for children ages 8 to 13 encourages creative ways of writing and thinking while having fun in the process. Space is limited to 20 students, and reservations are required. Email rsvp@826la.com or call 310-305-8418 by Thursday prior to each workshop.

826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.

**GLASGOW PHILLIPS**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 12PM  
South Park scribble Glasgow Phillips leads a puppet show workshop.

**J. RYAN STRADAL**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 12PM  
Writer J. Ryan Stradal is a contributor to both McSweeney’s and Hobart. He leads a workshop on creating your own country.

**HIRSCH PERLMAN & JAMES REICHMUTH**

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 12PM  
John and James Reichmuth, members of the comedy troupe Kasper Hauser and authors of SkyMous: Happy Crap You Can Buy from a Plane, teach a parody writing workshop.

**BEN ACKER & BEN BLACKER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 12PM  
Ben Acker and Ben Blacker, creators of Acker & Blacker’s Thrilling Adventure and Supernatural Suspen­sion Hour, a staged production in the style of old-time radio, lead a radio playwriting workshop.

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FILTER MAGAZINE AND THE HAMMER MUSEUM PRESENT
BIG TIME
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 7–11PM

Bigger than one evening can contain, Filter Magazine and the Hammer present Big Time, six bi-monthly events kicking off in February and featuring exclusive film screenings, sneak-peek album previews, DJ sets, and in-person interviews. Visit www.filter-mag.com and www.hammer.ucla.edu for up-to-date information.

Space is limited and RSVPs to rsvpLA@filtermmm.com are encouraged.

**Lunchtime Art Talks**

**Wednesdays at 12:30pm**

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**February 14**
- Erik van Lieshout's *Hammer Project*, 2006-07
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**March 7**
- Vija Celmins's *Untitled (Big Sea #2)*, 1969

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- Rembrandt van Rijn's *Abraham's Sacrifice*, 1655
**March 21**
- Cathy Opie's *Self Portrait/Nursing*, 2004
**March 28**
- Mathias Poledna's *Crystal Palace*, 2006
**April 4**
- John Baldessari's *Person With Guitar (Red)*, 2005

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**Hammer Forum**

**Khaled Abou El Fadl**

Juan Cole

This ongoing series of timely thought-provoking events addresses current social and political issues.

Hammer Forum is made possible in part by Erika Glazer.

**EXTREMISM AND ISLAM**

**KHALED ABOU EL FADEL**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 7PM**

One of the leading authorities on Islamic law in the United States and Europe, Khaled Abou El Fadl teaches Islamic law, immigration law, and courses related to human rights and terrorism at UCLA's School of Law. Professor Abou El Fadl's books include *Conference of the Books: The Search for Beauty in Islam, Rebellion and Violence in Islamic Law, Speaking in God's Name: Islamic Law, Authority and Women*, and, most recently, *The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists*.

**THE MIDDLE EAST**

**JUAN COLE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 7PM**

Author and scholar Juan Cole has written extensively on modern Islamic movements in Egypt, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia, and maintains the blog *Informed Comments: Thoughts on the Middle East, History, and Religion*. His most recent book is *Sacred Space and Holy War*. He is President of the GlobalAmericana Institute and is a professor of modern middle East and South Asian history in the History Department at the University of Michigan.
Hammer Membership

Begin 2007 with the Hammer Museum and become a member. Take advantage of our public programming and membership events throughout the year—lectures, conversations, readings, concerts, opening events, and much more.

This fall, Hammer Fellows enjoyed the opportunity to meet artist Wolfgang Tillmans and scholar Mark Wigley at a private reception following the Hammer Conversation. Also this fall, guests were invited to attend a panel on collecting contemporary art with Hammer Senior Curator Gary Garrels, art advisor Thea Westreich, and Christie’s specialist Amy Cappellazzo. They discussed current trends and challenges of collecting contemporary art in a lively discussion hosted by Voce.

For more information on Hammer Membership please call Sarah Stifler at 310-443-7046.

Billy Wilder Theater opening

On December 3, the Hammer Museum and the UCLA Film & Television Archive held an opening celebration for the Billy Wilder Theater, in honor of the Theater's principal benefactor, Audrey L. Wilder. Director Cameron Crowe co-chaired the evening with Curtis Hanson, the Archive's honorary chair, and Jerry and Ann Moss, all close friends of the Wilders. Director Ann Philbin welcomed the audience, filled with many of Hollywood's elite; Warren Beatty and Arnette Bening spoke about Wilder's career; and Curtis Hanson introduced a series of film clips from some of the most memorable Wilder films.

Special thanks to MCI Global, Dantas Airways, and the Ann C. Rosenthal Fund for graciously sponsoring the opening event.

Introducing the hottest seat in town

You are invited to become part of the Billy Wilder Theater's legacy by joining the Hammer's seat campaign. Your name could be placed on a theater seat in perpetuity in Los Angeles's newest cultural destination. The Theater's 295 seats, clad in hot pink leather, are sure to be the hottest seats in town.

Name a seat with a fully tax-deductible contribution of $5,000 per seat, and receive the following for your donation:

- Your name, or that of a loved one, on a seat in the Theater
- An invitation to a special recognition event
- Listing in the Hammer Museum calendar
- Priority seating for all Hammer public programs

Jointly programmed by the Hammer Museum and the UCLA Film & Television Archive, the Billy Wilder Theater will be the new home for the Hammer's highly acclaimed public programs and the Archive's renowned screenings.
Hammer Collections

THE ARMAND HAMMER COLLECTION

A selection of paintings and works on paper from the Armand Hammer Collection is permanently on view and provides an impressive overview of the major movements of 19th-century French art. Portraiture and landscape both figure prominently in the collection, in addition to a small but wide-ranging group of European old master paintings and works by American artists from the 18th to 20th centuries.

GRUNWALD CENTER FOR THE GRAPHIC ARTS

The Grunwald Center's holdings comprise more than 45,000 works on paper dating from the Renaissance to the present. A primary resource for teaching and research, the Center serves UCLA and the public by special appointment. Call 310-443-7078 to schedule an appointment.

HAMMER CONTEMPORARY COLLECTION

In the past two years the Hammer has launched a new initiative to build a collection of contemporary art. This new collection is led by works on paper, particularly drawings and photographs, but also includes painting, sculpture, and media arts. The emphasis of the Hammer Contemporary Collection is on works created since the 1960s, with particular focus on art of the last 10 years.

FRANKLIN D. MURPHY SCULPTURE GARDEN

One of the most distinguished outdoor sculpture collections in the country, the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden spans more than five acres on UCLA's campus with over 70 sculptures.

VIDEO LIBRARY AND VIEWING ROOM

Dedicated to the study of video art, the Video Library collection features seminal works from the late 1960s to the 1980s, as well as a selection of Hammer public programs. The Library is available to all visitors during regular Museum hours.