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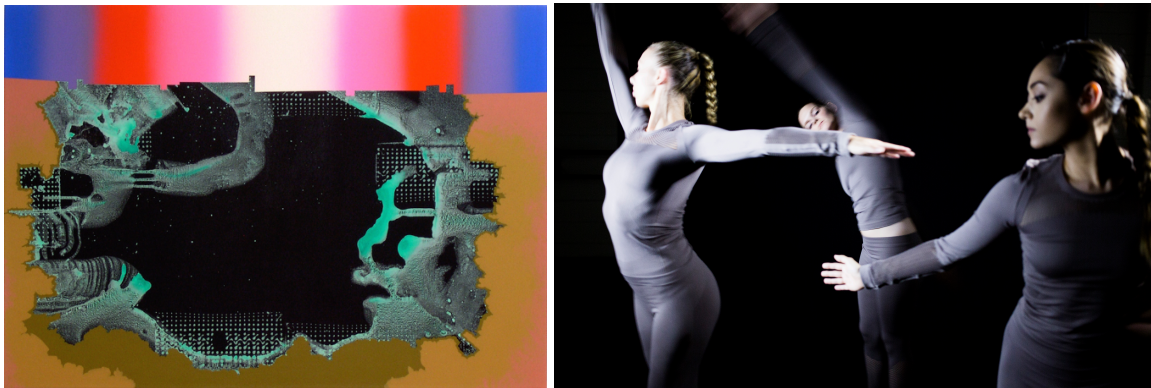
Exhibition: *Shift, Stretch, Expand: Everyday Transformations*

Featuring Santa Barbara County artists: Phil Argent, Weslie Ching, Petra Cortright, George Legrady, Kyra Lehman, Rebekah Miles, Maria Rendon, Stephanie Washburn, and Russell Young

Opening reception: Saturday, February 20, 2016, 6 – 8 pm
MCASB Satellite @ Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara, 121 State Street

On view: January 30, 2016 – January 22, 2017

Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara (MCASB) Satellite @ Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara presents *Shift, Stretch, Expand: Everyday Transformations*, a group exhibition of nine Santa Barbara County artists that explore the quiet and inconspicuous operations of everyday existence.



Left to right: Phil Argent, *Untitled (Go Between)*, 2013, Acrylic on canvas, 28 x 40 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Weslie Ching, *We Are Made Of Stars*, 2015, Performance, Courtesy the Artist. Photo: Arna Bajraktarević

In our daily comings and goings, within and around us, things are in a constant state of transformation: clouds, currency, alliances, and surfaces, to name just a few. While we are passing through space, sitting still, or interacting with others, in every instance there are subtle shifts affecting our experience. Whether obvious or understated, or even invisible, these occurrences alter the ways in which we perceive our realities. The exhibition, *Shift, Stretch, Expand: Everyday Transformations*, presents nine Santa Barbara County artists who investigate these changes in vastly different ways. The artists focus on conditions of transformation, including points at which limits are questioned, thresholds are crossed, frames of reference are destabilized, and expectations are subverted.

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The exhibition will invite visitors throughout the interior and exterior spaces of Hotel Indigo to view and experience a wide range of multifaceted work. In considering the idiosyncrasies of this alternative exhibition site, a public hotel space, several artists also address notions of transformation in their artistic processes. Working in areas such as a stairwell corner or the lobby, artists experiment with new territories of production and display, expanding their practices by utilizing diverse materials, playing with scale, and inviting interactive participation.

“Through MCASB’s distinct collaboration with Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara, contemporary art becomes more accessible to the general public and those who are unfamiliar with the museum,” says MCASB Associate Curator Brooke Kellaway, curator of *Shift, Stretch, Expand: Everyday Transformations*. “This exhibition, in a hotel, a space of ongoing transitions, features artists who cleverly riff off of these broad themes of movement and transition, processes that, however imperceptible, shape who we are, how we think, and relate to each other.”

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About the Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara

Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara combines historic Santa Barbara splendor with the architectural sophistication of modern design. Located in downtown Santa Barbara, at the gateway to the city and steps from the cutting-edge Funk Zone, the hotel offers an artistic contribution to the vibrant art community in the form of the MCASB Satellite exhibition space.

About Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara:

Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara (MCASB) is a non-profit, non-collecting museum dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Formerly Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF), MCASB is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. MCASB is located at the Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center Upper Arts Terrace in downtown Santa Barbara, CA. With the opening of the MCASB Satellite @ Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara in February of 2012, Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara becomes one museum with two locations. Located in the Hotel Indigo Santa Barbara at 121 State Street, the MCASB Satellite space features yearlong exhibitions of stimulating contemporary artworks.

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