

EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

VIP / MEMBER OPENING

VIP 5:30–7:00 PM

MEMBER 7–9 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6 PM

ARTIST TALK: DARIO ROBLETO

GRAND HALL

FREE

Southern Accent artist Dario Robleto will discuss his artwork, *A Defeated Soldier Wishes to Walk His Daughter Down the Wedding Aisle*, and how it connects to his artistic practice. Based in Houston, Texas, Robleto considers himself a “materialist poet” whose sculptures explore the social and emotional resonance of materials, songs, history, and shared memories. His research-driven practice results in intricate objects that reflect his interests in music, popular culture, science, war, empathy, and the cosmos. In 2016 he was appointed the Texas State Artist Laureate.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 12–5 PM

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

FREE

Join us for a community celebration marking the opening of *Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art*. The exhibition explores the complexities and rich cultural legacies of the American South. The opening celebration will be free for all visitors and feature a gallery talk by *Southern Accent* artist Mel Chin, art making activities, music by the Craig Wagner Trio, Local Honeys, and Karter Louis, film, and much more.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 3 PM

ARTIST TALK: MEL CHIN

GRAND HALL

FREE

Southern Accent artist Mel Chin will discuss his artwork *Terrapene Carolina (Hillbilly Armor)*, a piece inspired by his home in North Carolina and the brave servicemen and women who have fought in the United States’ wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Based outside of Asheville, NC, Mel Chin creates sculpture, drawings, videos, new media, and public artworks that are often collaborative and multidisciplinary and reflect his commitment to social activism and promoting scientific research.

EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1–4 PM

**SOUTHERN SOUNDS:
WOMEN IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTHERN MUSIC**

\$10 SPEED MEMBERS, \$20 NON-MEMBERS

Enjoy an afternoon of live music celebrating Louisville and Nashville folk, country, soul, and bluegrass songwriters. Sponsored by 91.9 WFPK Independent Louisville.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2–4 PM

SONYA CLARK: UNRAVELING

FREE FOR MEMBERS AND WITH EXHIBITION ADMISSION

Join *Southern Accent* artist Sonya Clark as she performs her powerful performance piece *Unraveling*. For this artwork Clark will carefully unravel a confederate flag thread by thread and invite members of the public to join her in this process. Clark is chair of the Department of Craft/Material Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. *Unraveling* is designed to be a slow, thoughtful process, with respect for all participants.

For more information on *Unraveling* visit: nasher.duke.edu/southern/unraveling

Performance by Sonya Clark sponsored by the Puffin Foundation West, Ltd.

**ART +
GALLERY
TALKS**

MONTHLY, 11:30 AM

This monthly gallery talk series uses a different topic as a lens through which to explore one artwork.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ART + POETRY

Join Dr. Kristi Maxwell, Assistant Professor of English at the University of Louisville, to consider how the power of language can also convey a sense of the south in the *Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art* special exhibition.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

ART + RESISTANCE

Join Speed Contemporary Curator Miranda Lash to explore the theme of resistance in the *Southern Accent* exhibition.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ART + PHOTOGRAPHY

Join Lucy Kacir, Community Outreach and Studio Programs Coordinator, to learn more about the photographic processes used by artists in the *Southern Accent* exhibition.

ADULT
WORKSHOPS

MONTHLY, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

BACK TO THE BASICS SERIES

AGES 16 AND UP

SATURDAY, MAY 13

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Images have power—especially as seen in the special exhibition *Southern Accent*. Transform your daily snapping into works of art by learning to create a composition, work with natural light, and other skills in this smartphone photography workshop. BYOD—Bring your own device (any smartphone with a camera will do).

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

WATERCOLOR

Understanding the South can be deepened by experiencing its unique environment. In *Southern Accent*, learn to look closely at your surroundings and translate them into expressive paintings in this watercolor workshop.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

SKETCHING

Remember how much you loved to draw as a child? Recapture that feeling in this workshop on sketching. Explore the special exhibition *Southern Accent* and practice your drawing skills in the galleries.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

RESISTANCE WEARABLES

There's a lot of dissent these days. Come see *Southern Accent* and make a t-shirt as a wearable work of art that shares your message.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CREATIVE WRITING

Kiki Petrosino, poet, Associate Professor of English at University of Louisville, and Faculty Fellow at the Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society, will lead a creative writing workshop that invites participants to explore the connections between place, space, and the imagination. This workshop is appropriate for anyone interested in creative writing.

EVERY SATURDAY, 10 AM–5 PM

Guests are invited to sketch in *Southern Accent* using drawing materials provided at guest relations every Saturday. Materials are free for members and with exhibition admission. Sketching exercises included with the materials draw inspiration from Minnie Jones Evans, Jeff Whetstone, and others featured in the *Southern Accent* exhibition.

SEE STOP
SKETCH

SPEED
CINEMA

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1 PM

ALWAYS FOR PLEASURE

FREE

Director Les Blank produced documentaries for nearly 50 years, honing in on cultural spots and movements typically overlooked. His films focused on music, food, and regionally-specific delights. In *Always for Pleasure*, he created a raucous tribute to the sight, sounds, social traditions, and flavors of New Orleans. It's an intense insider's portrait of the Big Easy's street celebration and the unique cultural gumbo of Second-line parades, Mardi Gras, and the Jazz Festival. It's accompanied by live music by Professor Longhair, The Wild Tchoupitoulas, the Neville Brothers, and Allen Toussaint. It's a masterwork of Southern joy. 1978, U.S., video, 57 minutes.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 7 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 3 AND 7 PM

CHASING TRANE

\$7 SPEED MEMBERS, \$9 NON-MEMBERS

Directed by John Scheinfeld. Saxophonist, composer, and innovator, John Coltrane pushed the frontiers of the jazz idiom, introducing elements of musical traditions from around the world. His magnum opus, the alternately somber and raucous *A Love Supreme* is among the most haunting statements of spiritual devotion ever recorded. His output before his death at the age of 40 is simply astounding. From his childhood in the Jim Crow South to his tenure with Miles Davis—who pushed Coltrane to conquer his heroin addiction—to his triumphant turn as the leader of one of jazz's most fiery and revered quartets, *Chasing Trane* digs deep, chronicling a story of harrowing lows and interstellar highs. 2016, U.S., DCP, 99 minutes. Recommended for 13+.

John Coltrane's work is included in the music library of the exhibition.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 12:30 PM

THE LEARNING TREE

FREE

Directed by Gordon Parks. *Southern Accent* artist Gordon Parks has several photographs from his "Segregation Story" series on view in the exhibition. This 1969 drama explores the relationships, fears, frustrations, and ambitions of a black teenager living in small-town America. The film is based on Parks' 1964 semi-autobiographical novel of the same name.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 7PM

SPECIAL SCREENING: HALF COCKED

\$7 SPEED MEMBERS, \$9 NON-MEMBERS

Directed by Michael Galinsky. *Southern Accent* artist Michael Galinsky's film features the 1990s Louisville music scene. The film from 1994 tells the story of a group of high school teens who steal a van full of music equipment and pretend to be a rock band called "Truckstop."

**TEACHER
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

JULY 6 AND 7 10 AM–4 PM

SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE: ART AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

\$50

Join us for a two-day PD session to discover how artworks can be agents for social change. We'll explore the Speed's permanent collection, as well as the special exhibition *Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art*, as we consider the ways in which artists have created work to reflect—and react against—the complex times in which we live. We will also discuss how authors, poets, and musicians use their voices as advocates for progress within their communities and around the world.

This is a two-day, intensive seminar. Teachers must attend both days in order to receive the full 10 hours of Professional Development credit.

**ART SPARKS
MAKER
SPACE**

FREE FOR MEMBERS AND WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

MAY

SOUND SCULPTURE CHALLENGE

Participate in a sound sculpture challenge that highlights the importance of music in southern culture. Guests will make a sculpture describing a sound or style of music using form, line, and color.

JUNE

FAMILY TREE

Families come in all shapes and sizes, and the closeness of family is emphasized in the South. Make a family tree that represents your loved ones.

JULY

BARN QUILTS

Kentucky is famous for the beautiful quilt patterns that adorn barns in its countryside. Create a quilt square that celebrates this tradition.

AUGUST

I ♥ KENTUCKY

What your favorite place in Kentucky? Draw the best hiking spot or your favorite place to read a book or have a picnic. Add it to our map and discover someone else's favorite place.

SEPTEMBER

SELF-PORTRAIT

Celebrate your heritage by creating a self-portrait that includes representations of an influential person in your life.

ART LAB

SECOND SATURDAYS, 1–3 PM

FREE FOR MEMBERS AND WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

Get innovative in the Art Sparks Prototype Lab the second Saturday of each month.

MAY 13

COMFORT FOOD CHALLENGE

Many comforting foods are associated with the South. Create your favorite meal using the materials provided.

JUNE 10

SOUNDMAKER CHALLENGE

The American South has made great contributions to the art of music, especially jazz. Using the materials provided, create a work of art that also produces sound.

JULY 8

SELF-PORTRAIT CHALLENGE

Create a 2D or 3D portrait that celebrates your heritage. In this self-portrait, include representations of an influential person in your life.

AUGUST 12

WHERE I'M FROM—3D MAP CHALLENGE

Southern Accent is an exhibition themed around the idea of place. Create a 3D map of where you are from using the materials provided.

SEPTEMBER 9

QUILT SCULPTURE CHALLENGE

Quilting is one way that communities come together in the South and across the country. Create a fabric sculpture that represents your community using the materials provided.

CAFÉ

EVERY SUNDAY, MARCH – OCTOBER

SOUTHERN SUNDAYS AT WILTSHIRE AT THE SPEED

In celebration of *Southern Accent* and the concurrent exhibition at the Speed *Southern Elegy: Photography from the Stephen Reilly Collection*, the Museum café, Wiltshire at the Speed, will serve Southern Sunday Brunch Specials and Southern Sunday Cocktails.