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## **Nights at SBMA Toasts a Fifth Season of Art, Music, Martinis & Interactive Happenings**



**Thursdays, May 15, June 19, July 17, and August 21:  
5.30 - 8 pm, September 18: 7 – 9.30 pm**

**Tickets, Luxe Passes, mARTini Cards, and new this year:  
individual Luxe Tickets for access to our exclusive VIP lounge -  
On Sale April 7 to SBMA Members, April 21 to Non-Members**

April 3, 2008 – Santa Barbara, CA – **Nights** returns to the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) on the third Thursday of the month, May through September 2008. **Nights** offers guests the opportunity to enjoy SBMA's extraordinary art collection while socializing, sipping martinis, enjoying live music, tasting local food and wine, and experimenting with interactive art stations inspired by the permanent collection and special exhibitions. Join us for our fifth season of **Nights** offering "culture with a twist" that redefines what it means to engage with art.

New this year, Luxe Tickets are available for individual events, giving guests full Luxe Pass benefits including access to dedicated bar lines, throughout the event, a private entrance line to all 5 **Nights** events, and a VIP lounge featuring hors d'oeuvres, exclusive bar and wine tasting, and an art activity. Only a limited number of Luxe Passes and Luxe Tickets are available.

The **Nights** mARTini Card allows guests access to dedicated bar lines, and is available exclusively to Luxe Pass and Ticket holders. Each mARTini Card is good for ten drinks over the course of the 2008 **Nights** season representing a 30% discount compared to the cost of individual drink tickets purchased at the event.

**Nights'** creation in 2004 by Kristy Thomas, Manager of Docent and Community Programs, and Patsy Hicks, Assistant Director of Education, was met with overwhelming local response. Nearly 17,000 guests, of all ages have attended the popular events since their inception. This season promises to be the most engaging and stimulating yet—with surprising twists on artistic themes that blend live music, performance, interactive installations, and outrageous art activities. **Nights** is a soulful playground for the mind and eye, and redefines what it means to engage with art.

Pre-sale **Nights** tickets, Luxe Passes, Luxe Tickets, and mARTini Cards are on sale April 7 to SBMA Members and April 21 to the general public. Prices are \$300 for SBMA Members and \$360 for Non-Members, which includes a one-year SBMA General membership. Individual tickets for **Nights** are \$20 for SBMA Members, \$35 for Non-Members. Individual Luxe Tickets for each event are \$60. mARTini Cards are \$70 each. Purchase advance tickets, Luxe Passes, Luxe Tickets, mARTini Cards, and SBMA memberships online at [www.sbma.net/nights](http://www.sbma.net/nights) or at the Museum Admissions Desks. For additional event information call 884-6414. The Santa Barbara Museum of Art is located at 1130 State Street.

## Upcoming Nights Events

Thursday, May 15, 5.30 – 8 pm

**Unlock the wonder and fantasy of childhood inspired by the exhibition *Over Rainbows and Down Rabbit Holes: The Art of Children's Books*.**

The “We’re Not In Kansas Anymore” Wizard of Oz Cupcake Bar, Fairy Tale Mixed-Media Mad Libs, The Mad Hatters (Rock) Tea Party and *Fatal Attraction: The Tale of Peter Rabbit* Masks

Thursday, June 19, 5.30 – 8 pm

**Explore the “I” word by coming face to face with twenty-five contemporary works from Asia, Europe, and the Americas featured in *Identities*.**

A performance by String Theory, Pharmaceutical Astrology Boxes, The *Rojo Intenso* Clay Studio, *Re-designing My Library Necklaces*, and The *Don't Look Now* Collective Narcissus Pool

Thursday, July 17, 5.30 – 8pm

**Transcend illusion & desire by traveling though the exhibition *A Tibet Expedition 1938: Selected Gifts from Two Explorers*.**

Prince Siddhartha/The Artist Formally Known as Prince Remixes, The Twenty-one Tara Altar, Auspicious Symbol Amulets, and Wrathful Deity Masks

Thursday, August 21 5.30 – 8pm

**Surrender to a world of glamour, magic and perfection inspired by *Made in Hollywood: Photographs from the John Kobal Foundation*.**

Deco-dence: A (Re)Movable Feast, The Star System Portrait Studio, and Idol Cine: Bombshells and Bad Boys Mash-Ups, and Old Hollywood/New Faces: The Collective Casting Call

Thursday, September 18, 7 – 9:30 pm *\*Please note special time*

**Celebrate the international *avant-garde* inspired by the Museum’s collection of art from the 30s – 60s.**

A special late **Nights** event in SBMA’s back plaza with a KCRW sponsored DJ Jason Bentley

