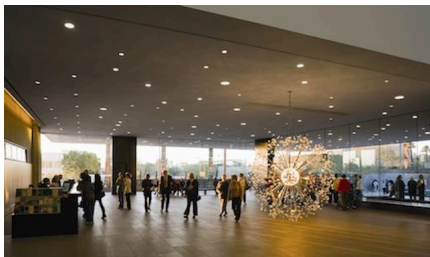


New Exhibits & News from the Phoenix Art Museum

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The fall brings several new exhibitions to the [Phoenix Art Museum](#) and news of a new director!



It's the perfect time of year to explore the PAM and enjoy their incredible selection of artwork, fashion, film and more offering something for everyone. "*The West Select: A Western Art Invitational Sale and Exhibition*" returns for the annual celebration of leading artists of the American West on view through December 28th. Discover the world of migrant farmers today in the United States with "*Don Coen: The Migrant Series*" that showcases 15 large scale realistic portraits created by Don Coen on display through February 1st.



Explore the fascinating collection of Stéphane Janssen with "*Vanitas: Contemporary Reflections on Love and Death*" on view through February 8th. Love fashion then don't miss "Fashioned in America" which examines a revival of fashion designs made in the United States through economics, ecology and labor ethics, on view through March 15th.



Brilliant Platinum Photography from the Center for Creative Photography with "*All That Glitters is Not Gold*" looks at the printing process and the distinct phases of use until March 1st. Last but not least discover the "*Mysteries from Europe*" and examine why an artist remains "unknown" and what challenges art historians and connoisseurs face, on view through April 19th.



In big news from the PAM this week, Amada Cruz was announced as the new director. She will succeed James Ballinger, who has been with the Phoenix Art Museum for almost 40 years announced his retirement, leading to a seven month search for his successor. Cruz will take over her new post as PAM Director on February 1st, 2015, leaving her current position as the executive director of [Artpace](#), a nonprofit contemporary art gallery in San Antonio.



Who is Amada Cruz you ask? Cruz was born in Havana, Cuba and immigrated with her family to Chicago, later settled in New York. Cruz has an impressive resume in the Arts, which includes working as program director for United States Artists in Los Angeles, executive director of Artadia: The Fund for Art and Dialogue in New York City, Center for Curatorial Studies Museum at Bard College, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian Institution. One has to admit that Cruz has the background and experience to takeover as PAM director and if she is able to continue the momentum she has had in San Antonio, then watch out Phoenix! The Phoenix Art Museum is located at 1625 N. Central Avenue Phoenix 85004 and it is open Wednesday through Sunday 10am-5pm. For more information please visit their website <http://www.phxart.org/>. Images courtesy of the PAM.

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