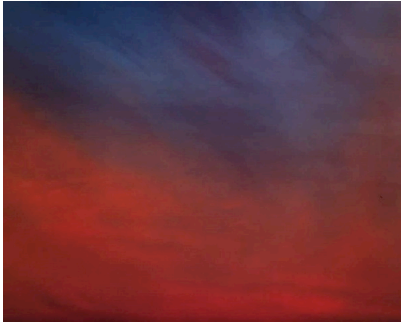


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There is still time to catch the Scottsdale Contemporary Art Museum fascinating exhibition "Covert Operations: Investigating the Known Unknowns", as well as the return of No Festival Required, Uncommon Cinema with *The Human Scale*!



"Covert Operations: Investigating the Known Unknowns" examines important themes of secrecy, disclosure, violence, power, subterfuge, surveillance, territory, geography and the visible versus the hidden. This fascinating exhibition showcases 37 artworks created by 13 national and international artists that utilized a variety of research methods, legal procedures and government resources to create thought provoking artworks. Exploring fascinating subjects of classified military sites, reconnaissance surveillance, terrorist profiling, narcotics, nuclear weapons, et al. "Covert Operations: Investigating the Known Unknowns" will be on view at SMOCA until January 11, 2015.



Next up in the SMOCA Lounge is the latest film from No Festival Required, Uncommon Cinema *The Human Scale* and is directed by Andreas M. Dalsgaard. "Stunningly photographed, *The Human Scale* travels around the world to explore how Gehl and other like minded designers, city planners, and urban activists have begun to transform such cities as New York, Beijing, Christchurch, and London." Currently about 50% of the world's population lives in urban areas, with an expected increase of 80% by 2050. The film highlights Danish architect and urban planner Gehl has extensively studied urban life, which focuses on the places where people meet, interact, live, and behave. Watch a sneak peak of this film now [TRAILER: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxywJRJVzJs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxywJRJVzJs). Be sure to get your tickets now for this special screening on January 15 2015 at 7:30PM. Tickets are just \$7.00 and advanced tickets can be purchased at the SMOCA, tickets do tend to sell out quickly so pick up yours now! This special screening of *The Human Scale* is being sponsored by the [SMoCA](http://www.smoca.org/) and [Sechler CPA PC \(http://www.azcpa.com\)](http://www.azcpa.com/).



The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art is located at 7374 East Second Street, Scottsdale 85251. General admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and children under 15 are free. Every Thursday the museum offers complementary admission as well as Friday and Saturday evenings after 5pm. Visit their website for more information about exhibitions and events at <https://www.smoca.org/>. Images courtesy of SMOCA and Sean Deckert.