

## A Lecture with Dr. Friedman & Diverse Artwork at the SMOCA!

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SMoCA presents a lecture and book signing in SMOCA Lounge of "From Printed Page to FaceBook Page and Back: Dave Hickey's Digital (Mis)Adventures" by Dr. Friedman.



This event is free event and is happening this Thursday, March 31st at 7pm with highlighted artist/speaker Dr. Julia Friedman is a Los Angeles based Russian-born art historian, writer, curator and former ASU professor. The lecture will "explore the intersection of art criticism and social media. Dr. Friedman will present her two new publications—*Wasted Words: The Essential Dave Hickey Online Compilation* and *Dust Bunnies: Dave Hickey's Online Aphorisms*—the results of her most recent project based on the digital writings of the MacArthur laureate art critic Dave Hickey", states the SMOCA.



"Since the 1960s, her compelling, astute and expressive works reflect on African-American identity, spirituality and the interconnectedness between different cultures," states the SMOCA. *Still Ticking* is a fascinating retrospective of seasoned artist Betye Saar has had an incredible career creating provocative mixed-media artworks. Her eclectic artworks utilize what appear to be ordinary objects, resulting in engaging and poignant works that examine ideas of African American heritage, culture and more. This is a must see exhibition that is guaranteed to captivate your senses and will be on display through May 1st.



An installation that evokes sunlight bouncing off the surface of flowing water that Munro uses light to animate environments in ways that activate myriad associations", according to the SMOCA. Bruce Munro: *Ferryman's Crossing* is a entrancing installation of compact discs that have been placed in rows are then lit with pulses of light which cause the cd's to shimmer. "This exhibition is apart of the *Desert Radiance Series* with additional installations by the artist at the [Desert Botanical Garden](#), [Lisa Sette Gallery](#) and with [Scottsdale Public Art](#). This unique exhibition will be on display through April 24, 2016.

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SMoCA museum is located in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale at 7374 East Second Street, Scottsdale 85251. Admission to the museum is only \$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/>. \* All Images are courtesy and copyright of the SMoCA and Nicole Royse.