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***SBMA Nights Events Announced!***  
New Days and Times Ensure Exciting Eighth Season



**June 2, 2011** – The Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) is pleased to announce the eighth season of the ever-popular ***Nights*** that continue to inspire through time-based art, performance, and new media. These unique events offer a cultural cocktail of art, music, specialty martinis, and outrageous one-night-only interactive happenings in the Museum’s galleries. SBMA invites guests to view world-class art collections, socialize, and enjoy the creative play that redefines what it means to engage with art. Each event features original participatory installations and artist-designed experiences inspired by the current exhibitions.

This season, the Museum shakes things up by extending the events past the summer months with two, extended-hours extravaganzas, incorporating the energy of the back plaza area. The August event recaps the myriad of extraordinary exhibitions on view during the summer; while Nights in January is timed to celebrate Chinese New Year and highlight the Asian galleries after a dramatic renovation.

In addition, this season’s events have been moved to the new night of ***Friday***, in hopes it is more convenient for working guests and a more fitting beginning to the weekend.

***Friday, August 26, 5:30 – 9:30 pm***

Explore the world of portraits and still lifes inspired ***Distilled Moments Still Lives from the Permanent Collection***, ***New Faces of the Collection***, and ***Ori Gash: Lost in Time***

***Friday, January 20, 5:30 – 9:30 pm***

Celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon) inspired by the newly reinstalled Asian Art permanent collection and recent gallery renovation.

\$25 SBMA Members, \$35 Non-Members

Luxe tickets are also available (SBMA Members only)

For event and ticket sale information, go to [www.sbma.net/nights](http://www.sbma.net/nights) , call 884.6414, or email [nightstickets@sbma.net](mailto:nightstickets@sbma.net).

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art is a privately funded, not-for-profit institution that provides internationally recognized collections and exhibitions and a broad array of cultural and educational activities as well as travel opportunities around the world.

***Santa Barbara Museum of Art, 1130 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA. Open Tuesday - Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Closed Monday. 805.963.4364 [www.sbma.net](http://www.sbma.net)***