

# SAN JOSE MUSEUM OF ART

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## **31 BAY AREA ORGANIZATIONS JOIN SJMA IN FESTIVAL OF FOOD AND THE ARTS**

SAN JOSE, California (August 2013) — The San Jose Museum of Art's multidisciplinary exhibition *Around the Table: food, creativity, community* (November 9, 2013 – April 20, 2014) will also serve as a catalyst for a community-wide festival of food, the arts, and ideas. SJMA has gone far beyond the museum's walls to partner with 31 arts and community organizations in the Bay Area—an epicenter of agriculture and “foodie” culture. A coordinated series of thought-provoking programs will investigate and stimulate dialogue around a broad range of topics related to food. Presenting projects by local farmers, artists, designers, architects, performers, and activists, the collaboration both celebrates food and examines critical issues such as health and nutrition, food justice, food as cultural identity and community, local agricultural history, and the environment. Highlights include visits to farms, performance art and theater, and edible plantings downtown.

Participating partners include: 18 Reasons, Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), Café Too!, Catharine Clark Gallery, 50 WEST c/o CBRE Inc, Children's Discovery Museum, City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs, CommUniverCity/Garden to Table, de Saisset Museum, Emma Prusch Farm Park Foundation, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, History San José, India Community Center, KQED, Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA), Mexican Heritage Plaza, Montalvo Arts Center, Pajaro Valley Arts Council, Palo Alto Art Center, Peninsula Open Space Trust, San José Downtown Association, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, SPUR, Team San José, Teatro Vision, The Tech Museum of Innovation, Valley Verde, Veggielution Community Farm, and ZERO1: The Art and Technology Network.

A menu of programs have been scheduled from July 2013 through April 2014:

- The **San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles** offers the exhibitions *Tasty! Food Inspired Quilts* (**July 31 – October 27, 2013**) and *Tasty, Too! Food Inspired Quilts* (**January 29, 2014 – April 27, 2014**). Both exhibitions will showcase quilts, historical and contemporary, inspired by foods we love to eat. Details of a food-inspired quilt challenge can be found on the museum's website. ([www.sjqiltmuseum.org](http://www.sjqiltmuseum.org))
- **18 Reasons**, San Francisco, will host three consecutive exhibitions: *War Gastronomy: Recipes of Relocation*, **August 9 – October 7, 2013**; *Charles Papillo: Grocery List Identities*, **October 10 – December 2, 2013**; and *Sasha Duerr: Local Color*, **December 6, 2013 – January 27, 2014**. ([www.18reasons.org](http://www.18reasons.org))

- **Valley Verde**, San Jose, has commissioned a large, hand-made planter box (designed by local woodworking artist Rory Fukuda, Raul Lozano, and ceramic artist Francisco Pancho Jimenez). Located in the outdoor seating area of **Café Too!** at SJMA (**September 2013 – April 2014**), it will be planted with winter vegetables and harvested for use in the café.
- *Bibliophilia*, an exhibition featuring work by artists who are united by their love of books and libraries will take place at the **Palo Alto Art Center, September 21 – December 22, 2013**. Exhibiting artists include Patricia Curtain and Christopher Reynolds, who combine their inspiration from food and books together in compelling works. ([www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter))
- In addition to regular garden and farm tours, and volunteer opportunities, **The Emma Prusch Farm Park Foundation**, San Jose, will offer three special versions of *Learn in the Garden*, a series of hands-on classes offered by certified master gardeners: Winter Vegetables on **September 21, 10 – 11 AM**; Cover Crops on **October 26, 10 – 11 AM**; and Preparing Your Garden for Winter on **November 23, 10 – 11 AM**. ([www.pruschfarmpark.org](http://www.pruschfarmpark.org))
- **Teatro Vision**, San Jose, will present the world premiere of *MACARIO*, **October 10 – 20, 2013**. The bilingual theatrical production is a classic Mexican folktale that explores the many aspects of hunger. Teatro Vision will also present a Gala Opening Event on **October 12**, a “Pay what you can or pay with a can” food drive on **October 13**, and “Comer Saludable es un Derecho – No Un Privilegio/Healthy Eating is a Right, Not a Privilege!,” a forum addressing the topics of hunger and food justice, on **October 18**, at 6 PM. ([www.teatrovision.org](http://www.teatrovision.org))
- **Montalvo Arts Center**, Saratoga, will present *Mountains in My Spoon: Artists and Food at the Lucas Artists Residency*, a group exhibition featuring work that deals with food as either a material or theme, **October 18, 2013 – February 9, 2014**. Montalvo plans several other related programs, including an evening of food related readings curated by food writer Andrew Pham (**October 25**) and a panel discussion in association with the Alliance of Artist Communities’ annual conference that will explore the role of food in creative practice (Date TBD). ([www.montalvoarts.org](http://www.montalvoarts.org))
- **Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA)**, San Jose, will present the exhibition *Maize Y Más: From Mother to Monster?*, focused on the subject of corn, **November 1, 2013 – February 15, 2014**, and three performances: *Tortilla Oracle*, by artist Jorge Rojas, on **November 1, 2013, 7 – 11 PM** and **November 2, 2013, 12 – 5 PM**; *Fat Boy*: a hybrid performance that examines American consumerism and wastefulness juxtaposed with world hunger and poverty, **November 15 – 17, 2013**; and *Love, Food, Love*, by Robert Karimi on **February 14, 2014**. ([www.maclaarte.org](http://www.maclaarte.org))
- **Santa Clara County Farm Bureau**, Morgan Hill, will host a fall farm-to-fork fundraiser in San Martin on **November 2, 2013**. The Farm Bureau is also collaborating with artist Chelsea Wills to produce *Still There*, an audio recording of interviews with farmers and a map focused on bio and cultural diversity in local farming, which will be included in *Around the Table* at the San Jose Museum of Art, November 9, 2013 – April 20, 2014. ([www.sccfarmbureau.org](http://www.sccfarmbureau.org))
- In addition to their weekly, lost-cost, year-round farm stand, **Veggielution Community Farm**, San Jose, will present *Art in the Garden*, a monthly series of free, participatory art events and exhibitions for all ages and skill levels, on the first Saturday of every month from **November 2, 2013 through April 5, 2014**. **Veggielution** is also collaborating with SJMA on the arts and science education initiative, Sowing Creativity. ([www.veggielution.org](http://www.veggielution.org))

- **San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art** will present two projects: *Eating Disorders in a Disordered Culture*, by Robin Lasser, a video project exploring the personal, cultural and historical dimensions of eating disorders; and *The Schauss Kitchen* by Christopher Reynolds, a piece that investigates how consumers are both consciously and subconsciously conditioned to indulge in (or refrain from) gastronomic pleasures. Both programs will run **November 9 – December 21, 2013**. ([www.sjica.org](http://www.sjica.org))
- **de Saisset Museum** at Santa Clara University will host *From Acorns to Apple*, a community-based mural project that traces the rich history of food and innovation in Santa Clara Valley, **January 10 – March 16, 2014**. ([www.scu.edu/deSaisset](http://www.scu.edu/deSaisset))

Other partners are providing resources, and further details are to be announced on a number of programs in the works:

- **Café, Too!**, SJMA's on-site eatery, will participate in *Around the Table* with regularly changing menu offerings that highlight the work of various participating artists, adding an experiential component to the exhibition. ([cateredtoo.com](http://cateredtoo.com))
- **Catharine Clark Gallery**, San Francisco, will present *Swine and Swill*, a collaborative project involving chefs, purveyors of wine, artists, designers, and architects in a farm-to-table dinner. Dates to be announced. ([cclarkgallery.com](http://cclarkgallery.com))
- **50 WEST c/o CBRE Inc** will turn their raised flower boxes into temporary gardens of edibles. ([www.50westsanfernandostreet.com](http://www.50westsanfernandostreet.com))
- The **Center for Asian American Media (CAAM)**, San Francisco, will present food-related film programming for *Around the Table: food, creativity, community*. ([www.caamedia.org](http://www.caamedia.org))
- **City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs** collaborated with contemporary artist Sam Van Aken to produce *Tree of 40 Fruits*, a living sculpture in which scions of forty stone fruit trees are grafted onto the rootstock of a plum tree. *Tree of 40 Fruits* will be featured in *Around the Table: food, creativity, community*. ([www.sanjoseculture.org](http://www.sanjoseculture.org))
- **CommUniverCity/Garden to Table**, San Jose, plans to conduct public educational tours of their new urban farm downtown near the Guadalupe Freeway, as well as late-fall fruit harvesting events in central San José neighborhoods. ([www.cucsj.org](http://www.cucsj.org))
- **The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy** provided assistance to artist Sam Van Aken with his *Tree of 40 Fruits*. ([www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org))
- **History San José** collaborated with the collective of artists known as Fallen Fruit, whose work will be featured in *Around the Table: food, creativity, community*, by providing them with imagery to use in their installation of site-specific wallpaper. ([www.historysanjose.org](http://www.historysanjose.org))
- **India Community Center**, Milpitas, plans to provide demonstrations of traditional Indian food preparation techniques, such as pickling, as well as the creation of a special Rangoli floor with lentils and beans. The ICC will also co-host (with SJMA) a talk by artist Jitish Kallat on **October 3, 2013**. Kallat's installation *Epilogue* is on view at SJMA September 5 – April 20 as the first stage of *Around the Table*. ([www.indiacc.org](http://www.indiacc.org))

- **KQED Northern California** will serve as a media partner for *Around the Table: food, creativity, community*. ([www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org))
- **Peninsula Open Space Trust**, Palo Alto, will lend their expertise to a panel discussion planned to explore various issues related to local land use policies, slow food movements, and sustainable agricultural practices. ([www.openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org))
- In the spring of 2014, the **San José Downtown Association**, through its Groundwerx beautification program, will turn some of its 200 planters in the downtown core into mini gardens and replace the seasonal flowers with edibles to be harvested and used with other community programs. ([sjdowntown.com](http://sjdowntown.com))
- **Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties**, San Carlos, will work with the San Jose Museum of Art to promote access to a number of the food bank's core initiatives and programs. ([www.shfb.org](http://www.shfb.org))
- **SPUR**, San Jose, plans to host a panel discussion about urban agriculture in San Jose. ([www.spur.org](http://www.spur.org))
- **Team San José** plans to participate in *Around the Table* through a number of programs, including working with their partner organization Hunger at Home to increase awareness of the Good Samaritan Law that allows businesses to safely donate food and meals for redistribution at the community level. ([www.sanjose.org](http://www.sanjose.org))
- **The Tech Museum of Innovation**, San Jose, will present *Snack Tech* in March 2014 (date TBD), an innovative use of technology to create unique flavors and textures in contemporary cuisine. ([www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org))
- In conjunction with their fall exhibition, *Patent Pending* (September 28 – December 20, 2013), **ZERO I: The Art and Technology Network**, San Jose, plans to host a panel presentation led by featured artist Phil Ross, a mycologist (mushroom expert). Ross's work will also be included in *Around the Table: food, creativity, community* at SJMA. ([zero1.org](http://zero1.org))

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The San Jose Museum of Art celebrates new ideas, stimulates creativity, and inspires connection with every visit. Welcoming and thought-provoking, the Museum rejects stuffiness and delights visitors with its surprising and playful perspective on the art and artists of our time.

The San Jose Museum of Art is located at 110 South Market Street in downtown San Jose, California. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 PM to 5 PM and until 8 PM or later on the third Thursday of each month. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and free to members and children under 6. For more information, call 408-271-6840 or visit [www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org](http://www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org).

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