

KANSAS CITY ARTISTS COALITION RIVER MARKET REGIONAL EXHIBITION TRUTH TRUST TRANSCEND



Curated by painter and printmaker Curlee Raven Holton is the Executive Director of the David C. Driskell Center and Senior artist-in-residence in the Department of Art at the University of Maryland.

PANEL DISCUSSION

In The KCAC Gallery

Saturday, September 16 -- 10am

with

MARIA VASQUEZ BOYD, JOSÉ FAUS, ADA KOCH,
HUGH MERRILL, SONIÉ JOI THOMPSON-RUFFIN, & MICHAEL TOOMBS

What are artists thinking about this time in our history when there is so much turmoil and division; when much of what we value is being dismissed, undermined, or destroyed?

Free and open to the public. Join us!



Maria Vasquez Boyd is a painter/artist/writer and founding member of the Latino Writers Collective in Kansas City, Missouri. She is the producer, engineer and host of ArtSpeak Radio, that features live discussion with artists and writers from the surrounding Kansas City community.

Hugh Merrill is an artist, printmaker, educator, published writer, KCAI professor, and founder of the Chameleon Arts Agency. He has exhibited and lectured internationally. Merrill has a long history of community involvement in Kansas City and the world.



José Faus is a native of Bogota, Colombia and longtime Kansas City resident. He is a founding member of the Latino Writers Collective and serves on the boards of The Writers Place, Latino Writers Collective and Nuevo Eden. He is a recent recipient of a Rocket Grant for the community project VOX NARRO.

Sonié Joi Thompson-Ruffin is a fabric artist and author. Her artwork can be found in the collections of galleries, museums, as well as private and corporate collections across the country. She is a Charlotte Street Foundation Fellow, Art Omi Fellow, Kansas Masters, and the recipient of the 2011 Alliance of Artists Communities Scholarship.



Ada Koch is a Kansas City artist. She teaches at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Holy Name School, and as a guest teacher throughout the US. She is a board member of the KC Artists Coalition, she was founder of Open Studios, and is active in promoting the local art scene in the KC community.

Michael Toombs is a Kansas City artist. His community contributions have been recognized for bringing together people in interactive projects promoting diversity, unity, and non-violence. Toombs is the founder of Storytellers Inc., an artists collective that designs and implements work with inner city youth and children in urban communities in Kansas and Missouri.



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