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George Wardlaw Genesis : Exodus



"Thou Shall Have No Other Gods"

SEPTEMBER 5 - OCTOBER 31

Opening First Friday Art Walk - September 5, 5:00-8:00pm

Curated by Nancy Davidson

Talk with Suzette McAvoy, Director & Curator of CMCA

Sept. 14 ~ 4pm

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George Wardlaw, born in Baldwin, Mississippi 87 years ago, converted to Judaism in the mid-1950s. The exhibition opening this week, "Genesis: Exodus," represents an exploration of the artist's spiritual and artistic journey, and will include historic works from his "Ten Commandments" and "Ten Plagues" series. A large sculpture, titled "Sabbath/Creation," will anchor the exhibition in the Museum's Spiegel Gallery.

Wardlaw served as arts director at Tripp Lake Camp in Poland, Maine, from 1951-1964; his most recent exhibition in Maine debuted last year on the Summer Solstice at Schoodic Institute in Acadia National Park, featuring his monumental "Cycles: Time, Light, Life" series.

Wardlaw has made significant contributions to the worlds of Geometric Abstraction, Landscape Abstractions and Abstract Expressionism with large format paintings and sculpture that exude powerful force, energy and color. He has also made his mark in academia, serving as assistant to the chair of the art department at Yale University, and subsequently as chair of the art department at UMASS Amherst for 17 years. Last month, Wardlaw was the recipient of a prestigious Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant.

About the pieces on exhibit, Wardlaw says, *"This body of work helped me to better understand some facets of Jewish history and identity, and to reaffirm my own," said Wardlaw. "Foremost, I wanted to make work that had a religious theme but that manifested itself primarily in spiritual presence and awareness, work that might cut across diverse religious boundaries and reveal a common spiritual concern and work that crossed contemporary with cultural history."*

Film Screening & Discussion : A Slim Peace



A SlimPeace Portland

Please join us for the screening of "A SlimPeace" that started an international movement to bridge cultural and religious divides among Muslim/Arab and Jewish women.

SlimPeace came to Portland in 2014. Please join us for a discussion after the film with Slim Peace Portland's participants, immigrant and non-immigrant women who would never have met and learned so much from each

other without this remarkable program.

The film, "A Slim Peace" portrays Israelis, Palestinians, Bedouin Arabs, and American settlers in the West Bank who, when brought together with the shared goal of losing weight, find out they have far more in common than they ever would have imagined. A SlimPeace takes a revealing look at the universal struggle for acceptance, understanding and personal transformation in a land of intractable conflict.

Director Yael Luttwak cajoles American settlers, Palestinians, Israelis and Bedouins into forming a weekly Weight Loss group led by one Palestinian and one Israeli dietician from the world-famous Hadassah Hospital. The documentary is filmed in Jerusalem over six weeks in January/February 2006 against the tumultuous political backdrop of Hamas' landslide victory and Ariel Sharon's hospitalization. As the

world's cameras focus on a war zone, this film invites the viewer into individual women's lives. From the initial tension, we see surprising connections develop within the group meetings and we follow the women out into their homes and separate worlds.

A Slim Peace is a sensitive, unusual, entertaining and most of all deeply human portrayal of women on both sides of the Palestinian/Israeli border.

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267 Congress St
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September 7
4:00pm

The mission of the Maine Jewish Museum is to honor the contributions and diversity of Maine's Jewish immigrants in the context of the American experience. Through exhibits and programming, the Museum seeks to build bridges of appreciation and understanding with people of all backgrounds.

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