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MOSAIC SILICON VALLEY SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AT SJMA, JULY 19

SAN JOSÉ, California (June 26, 2018) – Mosaic Silicon Valley returns to the San José Museum of Art for ArtRage: Truth Be Told, an evening of live performances on Thursday, July 19, 7 – 10 PM. Mosaic Silicon Valley, an initiative of Sangam Arts, will present music, dance, and spoken word inspired by the spirit of activism in the exhibition *Rise Up! Social Justice in Art from the Collection of J. Michael Bewley.* The evening will include the performance piece RIGHTSTARTER, a minimalist guttural sonic response to today's rhetoric and division by San José-based hip hop emcee DEM ONE and San Francisco-based musician PC Muñoz. Additional performers will be poet Lorenz Mazon Dumuk with performance artist and dancer Khalilah Ramirez, who will present her Dance of Peace. Food and drinks are available for sale at Café Too. No-host bar. Tickets are $5 after 5 PM (free to Museum members) and are available online at sjmusart.org/calendar.

DEM ONE and PC Muñoz

The duo will present RIGHTSTARTER in two 30-minute pieces, featuring agitprop covers, original material, and improvised vamps on hot-button issues with the best of avant-garde percussion and underground hip-hop. Over the past six years, PC Muñoz and DEM ONE have collaborated on several critically acclaimed music video projects, including "Moving Train" with Vietnamese virtuoso Van-Anh Vo and "One Voice One Drum"; both projects were directed by Christopher "Paper Son" Woon and showcased at the Seattle Asian American Film Festival.

Lorenz Mazon Dumuk

Dumuk is a popular poet and performer in San José's vibrant spoken-word scene. A member of Poetry Center San José and San José Poetry Slam, Lorenz "writes about the complicated love that he feels for his family and for his Filipino culture. He writes about the pain that he feels recovering from his traumatic past and reclaiming himself from a one-size-should-fit-all society." (Diane Solomon, *Content Magazine*).

Khalilah Ramirez

Khalilah Ramirez is a peace dancer, performance artist, author, local columnist, and an instructor of

ballet and yoga in San José. She has performed the Dance of Peace at schools, churches, community events, and theaters since 200

Visitors are invited to explore the current exhibitions on view:

- *Rise Up! Social Justice in Art from the Collection of J. Michael Bewley*, which highlights the collection of J. Michael Bewley featuring various bodies of work that are united by a strong social and political motivation;
- *Won Ju Lim: California Dreamin'*, the US premiere of Won Ju Lim's multimedia installation along with four mixed-media works that reference the hilly terrain and neighborhoods of Los Angeles;
- *The House Imaginary*, which examines the single-family house through forty-five sculptures, paintings, films, photographs, and works on paper;
- *Conversion: Art and Math,* which explores the intersection of art and engineering through artworks from SJMA's permanent collection;
- *Crossroads: American Scene Prints from Thomas Hart Benton to Grant Wood*, a collection of fifty-seven prints produced between 1905 and 1955, encompassing a broad range of art styles collectively known as "American Scene."

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The San José 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. SJMA is located at 110 South Market Street in downtown San José, California. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM and until 8 PM or later on the third Thursday of each month. Admission is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, $6 for students, and $5 for youth ages 7 – 18. Members and children ages 6 and under are admitted free. For more information, call 408-271-6840 or visit www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org.

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