

Young Friends of the Foundation for Contemporary Arts Winter/Spring 2012 Events Calendar

Wed. January 25

Private Tour of La MaMa Archives and John Jesurun Performance

La MaMa, the world-renowned experimental theater, has invited us on a special tour of their extensive archives, which offer a unique glimpse into the history and evolution of contemporary theatre. Rare posters, costumes, props and sets abound. La MaMa has offered Young Friends tickets to 1993 Grantee John Jesurun's performance Stopped Bridge of Dreams immediately following the tour. La MaMa has been an FCA organization grantee since 1990.

Thurs. March 1

Gallery Talk with Ryan McNamara at Elizabeth Dee

Young Friends are invited to a just-for-us tour of 2011 Grantee Ryan McNamara's first solo show entitled Still at Elizabeth Dee Gallery. McNamara is an up-and-coming video and performance artist whose work navigates popular culture, persona and ideas about control. His performance work was included in MoMA PS1's influential 2010 Greater New York exhibition and in the 2010 Whitney Biennial.

Mon. March 5
or Tues. March 6, TBC

Dress Rehearsal with Jodi Melnick at New York Live Arts

2011 Grantee Jodi Melnick has invited us to a private dress rehearsal of the premiere of her new solo work Solo, Deluxe version. An acclaimed dancer, Melnick has performed in the work of Trisha Brown, John Jasperse, Twyla Tharp and Vicki Shick, among others. She was recently called, "a force of nature" by the Village Voice. Jodi will talk with our group briefly before the rehearsal.

Sat. April 28

Day Trip: Private Tour of Sherry and Joel Mallin's Collection

Art collectors Sherry and Joel Mallin have invited the Young Friends to tour their collection in Pound Ridge, NY. The Mallins are consistently listed among ARTnews magazine's top collectors and have amassed one of the premier collections of contemporary art in the U.S. Their collection includes one of the most important outdoor sculpture gardens in the country, including work by Andy Goldsworthy, Sol LeWitt and Richard Serra. In addition, the Mallins' art barn features work by established artists such as Robert Gober and Damien Hirst alongside up and comers. Travel details to come.

June, Date TBD

Studio Visit with Bruce High Quality Foundation

Young Friends are invited to a behind-the-scenes studio visit with artist collective Bruce High Quality Foundation. Formed in 2001, BHQF is made up of five anonymous artists and uses performances and pranks to critique the art world. Their work was included in the 2010 Whitney Biennial, during which they organized the third annual Brucennial in a storefront space in SoHo. BHQF received an Emergency Grant from FCA in 2007 and contributed work to FCA's 2008 and 2010 benefit exhibitions.

With additional winter and spring events to be announced...