

SUMMER CAMP

Welcome to
SUMMER CAMP
at transformer!

FEBRUARY 7 – MARCH 7, 2009

First Day of Camp – Orientation and Opening

Saturday, February 7, 6 – 9pm

Please join us in celebrating the opening of *Summer Camp* with a reception for artist April Behnke, whose delicate series of nature drawings *flight of fancies* will be on display all month at Transformer. Prints and limited edition t-shirts of April's work will be available for purchase throughout the duration of *Summer Camp*.

VIDEYO! at Comet Ping Pong (5037 Connecticut Ave., NW), Opening Party

Saturday, February 7, 9 - 11pm

Presented by Your Last Neighbor and Transformer, *VIDEYO!* is an artistic action/reaction to the intimately lit interior of popular pizza restaurant and after school/work hangout Comet Ping Pong. Confronting the audience with larger than life projected imagery, narrating with frame by frame image alternation, captivating with comedic collages, and hypnotizing with vibrant montages, the participating *VIDEYO!* artists – Kathryn Cornelius, Victoria F. Gaitán, Bill Kelly, Audrey Lam, Nilay Lawson, Frankie Martin, Baby Martinez, and Luke Wyatt - showcase a variety of video art works that reflect how the creative uses of this medium are as infinite as its technological advancements. Opening party music provided by DJ Solomon Sanchez.

Collage Studio

Wednesday, February 11, 1 – 5:30pm

Artist Jessica Cebra will be using our project space as her studio for the day, and you can, too! Drop by and work on your own collage pieces. Materials provided, though feel free to bring your own as well.

TV Night, Cosmos: A Personal Voyage

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 – 8pm

A screening of the 1980 made-for-TV series *Cosmos*. Let astronomer, astrochemist, and would-be poet Carl Sagan guide you on a tour of the universe using only the dreamiest 1980's special effects. A brief introduction by *Cosmos* enthusiast John Hutchison.

Library Day

Thursday, February 12, 1 – 5:30pm

Have a seat and relax with a book from Transformer's admirable collection of art books & magazines, including some very fine additions on loan from friends.

***Conservation Genetics**

Thursday, February 12, 6 – 8:30pm

Conservation geneticist and population manager at the National Zoo, Jonathan Ballou has co-authored *Introduction to Conservation Genetics*, the first textbook on the subject. We've invited him to discuss his discoveries, and the genetic problems facing small populations that place them in danger.

Friday the 13th Slasher Marathon!

February, Friday 13, 1 – 6pm

Poor Jason Voorhees! Who can dispute the validity of his discontent having met his untimely end in the care of negligent teenage camp counselors? We'll be sympathizing with Jason by playing selections from the *Friday the 13th* movie series all day long at Transformer, located, for camper safety, miles away from the cursed Camp Crystal Lake.

A Night of Talking Heads

Friday, February 13, 7:30 – 9:30pm

A *Mystery Science Theater*-style viewing of the 1958 sci-fi classic, *Fiend Without A Face*. The film will be shown in conjunction with conversational commentary by the disembodied heads of art critic Glenn Dixon and artist Ryan Hill.

Hearts and Crafts Valentine Laboratory

Saturday, February 14, 1 – 7pm

Boasting a large supply of compelling craft materials, Transformer will be open all day for you to stop in and make your sweetheart a custom valentine, while we play the sappiest love songs we could possibly get our hands on. Candy hearts will abound, alongside a startling lack of irony.

***Zoo Yoga**

Wednesday, February 18, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Addie Johnson, Transformer's own Development & Special Events Coordinator, is also a certified yoga instructor who wants to bring out the animal in you! Please bring your own mat, and come prepared to twist and stretch in the company of wildlife projections.

***Time and Quantum:**

The Visual Representation of an Invisible World
Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 – 8pm

Dr. Robert Oerter, author of *The Theory of Almost Everything: The Standard Model, the Unsung Triumph of Modern Physics*, will be discussing the LHC particle accelerator, and the way physicists use pictorial representations of mathematical calculations to reveal the underlying unities of the physical world.

Drawing Studio

Thursday, February 19, 1 – 5:30pm

April Behnke, *Summer Camp* artist-in-residence, will be using our project space as her studio for the day, and you can, too. Drop by and work on your own drawings alongside April. Materials provided, feel free to bring your own as well.

In the American Treehouse, Poetry Reading

Thursday, February 19, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Join us for another exciting evening of experimental poetry read by the students of the Corcoran College of Art + Design, guided by Corcoran professors and poets Casey Smith and Doug Lang. Come early – space is very limited, and fills up fast.

Communal Meal

Friday, February 20, 5 – 8pm

Summer camp would not be complete without the communal eating of a hearty meal. Artists Kathryn Cornelius and Lisa Marie Thalhammer will be serving up sustenance for hungry campers during dinner hours. Please stop by and bring friends!

Exotic Fever

Saturday, February 21, 1 – 7pm

Founded in 2000, Exotic Fever is an independent, community-based record label out of the Washington, DC metro area that aims to document diverse artists who share a commitment to community and embody the ideals of art as a vehicle for social change. Exotic Fever musicians will perform throughout the day in Transformer's project space, with Katy Otto, Owner of Exotic Fever Records, speaking about the label. Exotic Fever merchandise available for purchase and perusing.

Bored? Board Games!

Wednesday, February 25, 3 – 8pm

Artists Steve Frost and Geoffrey Aldridge think they can beat YOU at Scrabble. Pff! Come by Transformer today to show them what's what, or bring a friend to play at another board game of your choice – we've got a prime selection of classics on hand. It's rumored there might also be beer and pretzels.

Comic Book Library

Thursday, February 26, 1 – 5:30pm

Make yourself comfortable and sift through a fine selection of comic books we will have on loan for the day from Spencer Ackerman and friends.

That's right – **SUMMER CAMP** is starting early this year. Transformer feels summer is as much a state of mind as it is a season, so stop hibernating and come out and play. Transformer has organized a month-long series of fun, educational, invigorating, inspiring, heart-felt, and heart-healthy programs for everyone who can fit into our space to enjoy for free*.

Whether you are interested in science camp, rock & roll fantasy camp, dance camp, or just straight up campy-ness –

* Please note that space is limited and participation is first come, first play. While all Summer Camp programming is FREE, some events require advance registration.

SUMMER CAMP offers something for you. Collaborating with artists, scientists, poets, musicians, story-tellers, and many others, **SUMMER CAMP** at Transformer involves a diverse cross-section of DC creators and thinkers.

Interested in pushing the boundaries of contemporary art programming, **SUMMER CAMP** further defines how Transformer supports creative experimentation. Investigating art as action, engagement, social exchange, and interactivity,

Transformer's goal for **SUMMER CAMP** is to further encourage community participation with emerging artists and artistic concepts.

Many thanks to all of the incredible people who are so generously giving their time, smarts, and art to make this program possible. Special thanks to Mark Allen, Director of Machine Project in Los Angeles, CA (www.machineproject.com), a fellow *Warhol Initiative* supported organization, for curatorial inspiration.

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***An Absolute Beginner's Guide to the Open Source Digital Studio**

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 – 8pm

In this economy, how can starving artists afford commercial software? This talk, led by artist James Huckenpahler, explores Open Source software - freely available, community-built - as an alternative.

Pump Up the Volume

Friday, March 6, 1 – 7pm

Tune in as a local, community powered radio station turns Transformer's project space into a broadcast center for the day.

Thumb Wars!

Saturday, March 7, 2 – 4pm

Nellie's' female impersonator, Shi-queeta Lee, will be refereeing simultaneous thumb wrestling matches amidst projections of the *Thumb Wars* films on our walls. Prizes to be awarded to champion thumbs.

End of Summer Dance with DJ Solomon Sanchez

Saturday, March 7, 5 – 9pm

It's the last day of camp! Time to say your teary goodbyes to friends you won't see again 'til next summer. Kiss someone down by the lake (er, bathroom), and dance the night away (er, til 9pm) to the musical stylings of DJ Solomon Sanchez. Colorful party ambiance guaranteed.

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