

Join us for a panel discussion with the Meuninck Family... Saturday March 18 from 1:30-3:30

Director/Curator Brian Byrn will moderate a discussion with the Meuninck Family including Jessica Meuninck-Ganger, Department of Art and Design, co-Chair, Print and Narrative Forms, Area Head & Associate Professor, Peck School of the Arts, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. She will be joined by her husband Jeff, a freelance marketing consultant, Brother Tyler Meuninck, Artist/Painter, and Jim Meuninck, Film Maker & Author, Brother of the late Tom Meuninck. Tom was a visionary ceramic sculptor who, with the late Karen Meuninck, taught and inspired generations of students. Jessica, Tyler, Jeff and Jim will share stories about the artist and recount memories of being a part of this creative family. Audience members will be encouraged to share their experiences during this **'TOM Talk'**. too! Reservations are required. Limited to 75. **Call or email the museum to reserve your seat.**



Jessica Meuninck-Ganger



Jeff Ganger



Tyler Meuninck



Jim Meuninck



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Enchanted Lands

The Collage Work of
Scott Hatt (1957-2021)

*Both NEW exhibits
continue from
January 13 thru March 4.*



This exhibit highlights selected collage works from the Scott Hatt Estate. Director/Curator Brian Byrn has worked closely with Dr. David Barton, Music Professor *Emeritus*, and sole Executor of the Hatt Estate, to bring together this amazing body of works left by the South Bend artist after his passing. Chosen from over 400 pieces, the exhibit reveals the highly finished and idiosyncratic art of Hatt that poetically places nostalgic images of family life in the atomic age of the 1950s alongside references to European art of centuries past. Humor and insight is given to the subject matter of food, health, the fine art world, cowboys and Indians, television, vintage cars and airplanes. Welcome to the *enchanted lands* of Hatt!

Doug Witmer: *Call & Response*

Douglas Witmer (b. 1971) is an artist based in Philadelphia. He is internationally known within the field of reductive abstract painting. Over the course of nearly three decades, Witmer has steadily pursued what he calls “a personal inquiry” into the materiality of the painted object, refining his processes to a set of consciously chosen, direct and economical actions.

In addition to individual paintings and as a musician, the artist offers a contemplative group of works titled, *40 for You*, that invites the viewer to listen to his original music compositions while contemplating each of the small works in the series.

As a bonus to better understand the artist's works, Witmer was invited to curate art from the MMAA collection that connect him to his artistic influences. These pieces celebrate similarities of shared emotional responses to color, texture, and form. Some of the other artists include, Abner Hershberger, Warren Rohrer, Brice Marden, Pat Steir, and Agnes Martin.



Regarding his recent work, Witmer says, “My enduring subject is the exploration of painted presence. I consider each painting a unique place offering an open invitation into a contemplative experience of seeing and feeling.”

YOUTH ART 2023

March is National Youth Art Month

March 12 thru April 9

YAM 23 will provide a glimpse at the art education programs of four high schools. Fifteen Art Educators will select 10 works each by their outstanding art students. The exhibit continues the tradition of surveying the art created in grades 9 through 12. FREE admission will be provided to all exhibiting students and their families through March and into Spring Break in April.

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Mid-Winter Blues Party for Members!!

Friday, Feb 3, 6-9 PM

Wear your most salubrious Hat &

a Funny Mask if you like!

You can invite a guest to become a Member and attend.



Music by **Indigo Mood**, great food, and fun camaraderie at MMAA!

Meet the artist Doug Witmer and Dr. David Barton. Hear brief remarks about the new exhibits!

Don't miss it... RSVP today!
Alternate date: Feb 10, 6-9 PM
in the event of bad weather.



Call the museum to reserve your place at 574-293-6660 or email us at info@midwestmuseum.us Limited attendance to the first 100.

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NOON TIME TALKS

Every Thursday • 12:15-1:15pm • Free for Members

JAN 19 Prints & Drawings IV

Brian Byrn, Director/Curator discusses new works on paper from the permanent collection on view thru Sept. 30.

JAN 26 Dr. David Barton

Retired Music Professor from IUSB, Barton is the sole Executor of the Scott Hatt Estate. He will discuss the embedded humor, wit, metaphors, and life of the artist.



FEB 2 Doug Witmer

The Philadelphia-based Artist talks about his *color field* paintings, his music, his artistic influences and his life.



FEB 9 FILM 1 :

A new Winter series of films looks at different topics in the contemporary art world of today.

FEB 16 Ramiro Rodriguez

Artist/Printmaker and Chief Preparator at the Snite Museum of Art will discuss his work and his commentary from a Latin perspective. The artist is married to Laurie Rousseau who will speak later in this series.

FEB 23 FILM 2 : A continuation of the Winter series

MAR 2 FILM 3 : the contemporary art world...

MAR 9 Bill Tourtillotte

Adjunct Instructor in Printmaking at IUSB, the Artist talks about his work and teaching including comments on major contemporary artists who use the multiple as a means of expression.



MAR 16 YAM 2023 • Art Educators & Students

MAR 23 Laurie Rousseau

Rousseau is a South Bend-based artist whose work is influenced by nature. She states, "I aspire to remind the viewer to take a closer look at what is around them and value the beauty and their connection to the natural world. If the work resonates with the viewer, perhaps they will think more deeply about harm being done to the environment and, of course, themselves with their daily choices." Her talk is a part of a small series that will feature 'artist-couples' and how they interweave their individual expressions into family life.



Just Breathe, 2020, linoleum relief print by Laurie Rousseau, MMAA permanent collection

MAR 30 Ervin Beck,

The Folklorist and Professor of English *Emeritus* from Goshen College discusses his newly curated exhibit on Mennonite & Amish Art.



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