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**ANDERSON RANCH ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES  
2015 SUMMER SERIES:  
FEATURED ARTISTS & CONVERSATIONS PARTICIPANTS  
MCARTHUR BINION, ENRIQUE MARTÍNEZ CELAYA, LIZZIE FITCH,  
TREVOR PAGLEN, ARLENE SHECHET, ALEC SOTH,  
FRANK STELLA, HANK WILLIS THOMAS, RYAN TRECARTIN**

*Featured Artists & Conversations hosts world-renowned artists and key figures in the art world who visit the Ranch's five acre site located in Aspen/Snowmass to present and discuss their work with students, faculty, patrons and the public*

**2015 Summer Series to Run July 2nd – August 13th**



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**Aspen/Snowmass, Colo. (April 7, 2015)** — Anderson Ranch Arts Center, a premier art making destination and catalyst for critical dialogue in the contemporary art world, announces the lineup for its 8-week **Featured Artists & Conversations Series**, including renowned artists **McArthur Binion, Enrique Martínez Celaya, Lizzie Fitch, Trevor Paglen, Arlene Shechet, Alec Soth, Frank Stella, Hank Willis Thomas** and **Ryan Trecartin**. The Series will also feature prominent art collectors **Dennis Scholl** and **Jennifer and David Stockman**; curators **Dr. Jeffrey Grove** and **Lisa Phillips**, Toby Devan Lewis Director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art; and President and CEO of the Aspen Institute, **Walter Isaacson**.

The annual series, which has previously featured some of the most influential artists of our time, explores the work of world-renowned artists and curators, and hosts conversations with today's most influential critics and collectors, in both lecture and Q&A formats. Past artist participants have included Marina Abramović (2013),

Theaster Gates (2014), Rashid Johnson (2012), Laurie Simmons (2011), Mickalene Thomas (2010), Bill Viola (2013), and Kara Walker (2012). Taking place on select dates throughout Aspen's summer season, the popular series draws over 1,500 top U.S. collectors and patrons, art enthusiasts and the public as well as Anderson Ranch students and faculty. All public events are free, though a reservation is required.

"Our Featured Artists & Conversations Series is an incredibly engaging and stimulating highlight of the summer in Aspen," notes Nancy Wilhelms, Executive Director of Anderson Ranch Arts Center. "Throughout our history, the Ranch has served as a connector for deeper understanding of contemporary art and art making. This summer is no exception, as we bring some of the most exciting artists, critics and collectors to Anderson Ranch to share their talents and ideas with the Aspen community and the art world at large."

### **2015 Summer Series: Featured Artists & Conversations Schedule**

Public events are free, though a reservation is required. All events take place in Schermer Meeting Hall on the Anderson Ranch Arts Center campus located at 5263 Owl Creek Road, Snowmass Village, Colo. 81615. For reservations call 970/923-3181 or visit the [Anderson Ranch website](#).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 12:30PM	Enrique Martínez Celaya
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 12:30PM	Hank Willis Thomas
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 12:30PM	Arlene Shechet
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 12:30PM	Conversation with Jennifer and David Stockman moderated by Walter Isaacson, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 12:30PM	Conversation with Frank Stella moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Grove
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 4:00PM	Lisa Phillips, Toby Devan Lewis Director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art, in Conversation with Trevor Paglen and Ryan Trecartin (National Council event)
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 12:30PM	Ryan Trecartin and Lizzie Fitch
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 12:30PM	Alec Soth
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 12:30PM	Conversation with McArthur Binion moderated by Dennis Scholl, art collector

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### **About Anderson Ranch Arts Center**

Founded in 1966, Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a premier destination in America for art making and critical dialogue, bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Aspen/Snowmass, Colo., the Ranch hosts extensive workshops for everyday, emerging and established artists in eight disciplines, including Photography & New Media, Ceramics, Painting & Drawing, Furniture Design & Woodworking, Sculpture, Woodturning, Printmaking, and Digital Fabrication. In addition to the Summer Series, Featured Artists & Conversations, the Ranch also hosts engaging events throughout the year including: the Recognition Dinner (Thursday, July 16, 2015), which this year will honor Frank Stella and Jennifer and David Stockman; the Annual Art Auction & Community Picnic (Saturday, August 1, 2015), a thirty-five-year-old tradition featuring works of local, national and international artists; and the Artists-in-Residence Program, fostering artistic growth for emerging and established visual artists. In 2016 Anderson Ranch will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, furthering its mission to provide transformative

experiences that celebrate artists, art making, creative dialogue and community. Learn more at [www.andersonranch.org](http://www.andersonranch.org) or 970/923.3181.

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