

Contemporary exhibit celebrates Pepperdine art museum's 25th anniversary

SUBMITTED BY PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

In celebration of the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art's 25th anniversary, Pepperdine presents "California Dreaming: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation."

There will be a 25th Anniversary Party from noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The exhibition focuses on California art from the 1960s to the present, with an emphasis on the historic period of the '60s through the '80s. Weisman, a businessman and art collector, believed in supporting the art in his own city and became an important patron

to many of the region's up and coming artists. The work on view reflects his relationships with many of the painters and chronicles the period when Los Angeles became one of the nation's leading art centers.

The exhibition title is taken from the 1965 hit pop song first made famous by The Mamas & the Papas, and later covered by the Beach Boys.

Artists such as Billy Al Bengston, Tony Berlant, Joe Goode and Ed Ruscha responded to the popular imagery of the emerging beach culture and created a new type of California Pop Art.

Although the exhibition emphasizes historic

FREDERICK R. WEISMAN MUSEUM OF ART 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

When: noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26

Where: Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway

What: View contemporary works from artists including Billy Al Bengston, Ed Ruscha and Joe Goode at "California Dreaming: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation."

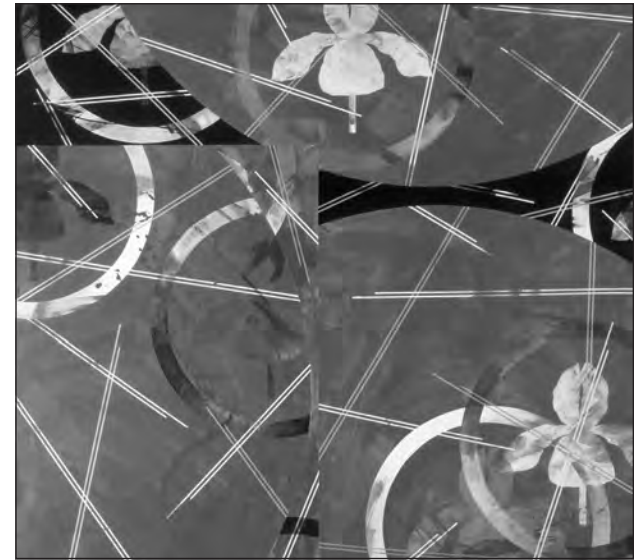
work from the '60s through the '80s, it also includes younger artists such as Andy Moses, Gary Lang, Joel Morrison, Evan Nesbit and Ruth Pastine.

"California Dreaming" was curated by Mrs. Billie Milam Weisman and is supported by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation

and an anonymous donor.

The museum is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, and is closed on Mondays and major holidays. There is no admission charge.

For more details, call (310) 506-4851 or visit arts.pepperdine.edu/museum.



Billy Al Bengston's 1977 acrylic on canvas titled "Klenator Draculas" is among the works on display for Pepperdine University's "California Dreaming: Selections from the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation." IMAGE SUBMITTED

Malibu-based Medicine for Humanity takes team to Uganda

Team to train providers, perform surgery for women with fistula

SUBMITTED BY MEDICINE FOR HUMANITY

A UCLA surgical team dedicated to obstetric fistula care departed for Uganda Sept. 9 for their annual two-week medical camp.

The nine-member team will provide surgeries for women suffering from fistula, as well as training local providers and medical trainees in the techniques of fistula repair. The team, led by Malibu resident Dr. Christopher Tarnay, division chief of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at UCLA, operates under the Malibu-based nonprofit, Medicine for Humanity, or MFH. Through a

partnership with the Mbarara University of Science and Technology, UCLA team members are playing a critical role in bridging gaps and ramping up the quality and access toward maternal health care and gynecologic surgery in Uganda.

Obstetric fistula can occur as a result of obstructed labor, when a baby becomes trapped in the birth canal, requiring emergency Cesarean section. Lack of timely access to health facilities in remote areas makes emergency C-sections often unavailable, forcing a woman to endure this life-threatening labor. The consequences of the hours (most often, days) of obstructed labor are tragic; the baby can die due to the prolonged lack of oxygen, and the mother can be left with an uncontrollable and constant leaking of urine

and/or stool from a severe injury that developed during the labor, which is fistula. The considerable gap between the number of new and existing fistula cases and the number of fistula repair surgeries being performed largely motivates the work of MFH.

For the past eight years, Tarnay has regularly been taking surgical teams to Uganda for fistula repair "camps," two-week long concentrated collaborations between the MFH and MUST teams toward providing and extending fistula care. Every woman who needs fistula repair is provided the surgery, as well as all transportation, housing, food, medical support and postoperative rehabilitative services free of charge.

As a grassroots nonprofit organization, MFH spends all year fundraising for the trip and is supported by pri-

vate donors and grants. All trip details, from broadcasting fistula repair services (via local Ugandan radio stations) to acquiring medical and surgical supplies, is achieved by the work of the very small, but determined, MFH Team.

Last year, the UCLA/MFH team performed 64 fistula surgeries and 21 cesarean sections, a tremendous volume, as well as trained an entire cohort of local Ugandan residents in urogynecology. The emphasis that MFH places upon sustainability is key, by allocating a significant portion of time toward the training and education of local providers. Indeed, there is a striking paucity in the number of surgeons in Uganda who are trained in fistula repair.

The MFH team hopes to exceed last year's numbers and continue to elevate the

MEDICINE FOR HUMANITY 2017 MEDICAL CAMP TEAM MEMBERS

- Dr. Christopher Tarnay, MFH president and medical director, Malibu resident
- Shelley O'Connor, MFH executive director, Malibu resident
- Dr. Lisa Nicholas, OB-GYN
- Dr. Larry Hess, OB-GYN
- Dr. Aviva Regev, anesthesiologist
- Dr. Jacqueline Fahey, resident in obstetrics and gynecology
- Anna Ko, RN, Surgical Center Medical Plaza
- Kristin Wurzel, RN, Surgical Center Medical Plaza
- Pooja Parameshwar, MFH social media coordinator

Follow the MFH 2017 team on their journey at [facebook.com/medicineforhumanity](https://www.facebook.com/medicineforhumanity) or [instagram/medicineforhumanity](https://www.instagram.com/medicineforhumanity).

quality, delivery, and continuity of fistula repair services at MUST. Apart from capacity building and direct provision of surgical care, the work of MFH is also deeply linked to a more holistic, emotional aspect of healing.

"The team is able to do

so much more than just repair the physical aspects of fistula," Tarnay said. "This operation can be life changing. Being able to witness these women leave the hospital smiling and with hope perhaps for the first time in years brings tremendous gratification."