

Join us in the 'Center' of the country for five days of art, networking, sharing, exploring and growing. It has been over 10 years since WCA and CAA have descended on the windy city. During those years, Chicago has grown into a thriving art 'center' -- from the "Loop" art districts to the Chicago Cultural Center (home to this year's WCA Lifetime Achievement Awards) and Millennium Park. "One of the unique characteristics of Chicago is there's always been a very pronounced effort to not be derivative, to not follow the status quo," said Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts curator Bob Cozzolino.

Like Chicago, the WCA CONFAB in Chicago will be just that, an 'out of the box', energizing experience. From the thought provoking panels to the welcome reception featuring the premiere viewing of cutting edge selections from our national Video Arts competition, to the 'Centering' workshop and the bus tours that will focus on the emerging and highly touted art scenes including Woman Made Gallery, the Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, the National Museum of Mexican Art and Hyde Park Center, WCA's CONFAB will wow you with an array of great art experiences.

This year, the Lifetime Achievement Awards events move out of the usual hotel ballroom to the beautiful landmark Chicago Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is considered to be 'one of the most comprehensive art showcases in the United States.' Stop in early to visit one of their eight gallery exhibitions. Plan to attend the Life Time Achievement Awards, as well as, the Chicago chapter 'Awards of Excellence in the Arts.' Download the [Chicago Chapter Awards Press Release](#)

REGISTER FOR THE CONFAB NOW !

Please note that registration ends Sunday, Feb 7 at 10PM EST. After that we can not guarantee tickets to any WCA sponsored events. REGISTER TODAY!! Bus tour tickets are very limited and are now available on first-come, first-served basis!!

Support WCA's Lifetime Achievement Awards—Donate, Buy Raffle Tickets or Treat A Friend to Dinner! <http://www.nationalwca.org/awards/currentLAA.html>

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the thriving Chicago Art Scene and to find your 'Center' with WCA!!!

This year, WCA's CONFAB will have a home base -- the fabulous boutique hotel-- the Hotel Allegro. Stop in and pick up your CONFAB registration packets or post a notice on WCA's message board. Gather -- meet your group --enjoy a drink in the marvelous main floor space and the wonderful restaurant and lounge

on the ground floor!

WCA's 'From the Center' CONFAB Hotel - Hotel Allegro

The Allegro Hotel will be WCA 'Confab Central.' Registration packets and the WCA message board are located on the 3rd floor. Take either the elevator or walk up the seeping staircase and turn to your right.

Registration packets will be available beginning 6pm on Wednesday evening.
THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE TO PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET!

Still need a reservation: Call Reservations (800) 643-1500 Hotel (312) 236-0123 Hotel Allegro www.allegrochicago.com 171 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601. Sorry, WCA discount rate no longer applies.

2010 WCA CONFAB 'From the Center' SCHEDULE

*Schedule Current as of January 28, 2010

Wednesday, Feb 10 –

11-5PM -'Women's Work is Never Done' – We need you to help us prep for the Confab. Volunteers are needed to help set up the book fair table at CAA and to help put together WCA registration packets at the Hotel Allegro. If you can help contact [janice_nesser @national wca.org](mailto:janice_nesser@nationalwca.org)

6:30PM Meet-up in the lobby of the Hotel Allegro for a night on the town – dinner and drinks (taxi transportation)

Thursday, Feb 11 - Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive

9:00AM – 4:00PM CAA panels or visit some of the wonderful art on display in the 'windy' city. See your registration packet for the Chicago Gallery guide.

1:00-5:00PM Book-signing with Artist Carol Bjerke and her new book 'Hidden Agendas.' (Carol's exhibition will be featured on the WCA Sunday bus tour.)
WCA book table at the CAA book fairs (must be CAA member or purchase book fair pass)

5:30-7:00PM WCA 1 1/2 hour affiliate panel -"Investigating the Need for

Women's Art Galleries, Exhibitions and Organizations: From Our Center.”
Regency B, Gold Level, West Tower, Hyatt Regency (FREE and open to the public)

8:00-10:30PM- WCA-sponsored CAA panel “The Power of the Image: Studio Artist and Civil Society.” Grand CD South, Gold Level, East Tower, Hyatt Regency (must be CAA conference attendee)

See panel details at <http://conference.collegeart.org/2010/>

Friday, Feb 12

12:30-2:00PM - WCA Welcome Reception and Screening of the winners of the International Video Shorts competition. Regency A Room, Gold Level, West Tower, Hyatt Regency (FREE and open to the public).

NOT TO BE MISSED! Welcome address: Marilyn Hayes, WCA president and Keynote address: Verena Mund, film author, curator, professor, organizer and co-juror for the 2010 Video Competition. Mund's credits include: Co-Director of Feminale, International Women's Film Festival, Cologne; selection committee, International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany, and co- editor *Working Girls. Zur Ökonomie von Liebe und Arbeit.*

2:00-5:30PM Free time. CAA panels or visit Chicago art venues. See your registration package.

2:30-5:30PM ‘Visiting Dadaland with Helene Smith-Romer’. Chicago based artist Romer brings her Dada museum to the Hotel Allegro. Check message board for room number

(Dinner on your own)

Board bus at Hotel Allegro at 5:30PM. Bus departs promptly at 5:45PM

6:00-9:00PM - Bus tour - Receptions/Opening National WCA exhibition “From the Center,” at Woman Made Gallery, and Chicago WCA Chapter regional exhibition, 'Off Center at ARC Gallery.

10:00PM -12AM ‘Visiting Dadaland with Helene Smith-Romer’. Chicago based artist Romer brings her Dada museum to the Hotel Allegro. Check message board for room number

Saturday, Feb 13

7:30-9:00AM - Chapters' Council meeting, Grand CD North, Gold Level, East Tower, Hyatt Regency

9:00-5:00PM - Feminist Art Project Special Sessions (Free and open to the public) See session details at feministartproject.rutgers.edu/

9:00–10:30AM - When No Means More Than No

10:45AM–noon - Feminist Artists and Feminist Curators: A Conversation about Collaboration

12:30–1:45PM - Wandering Uteri, De/ReConstructed Vulvas, and Architectures of Hospitality

2:00–3:30PM - Feminist Painting

3:45–5:00PM - Push and/or Pull: Trans and Gender-Variant Artists Discuss the Role of Feminism in Their Work

The following events will be held at **the Chicago Cultural Center**, 77 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (Walking distance or 5 minute cab ride from the Hotel Allegro)

4:00-6:00PM - Chicago WCA Chapter's 2010 Awards for 'Excellence in the Arts and Reception.' Awardees are Janina Ciezadlo, Pearl Hirshfield, Joyce Owens, Judith Roth, and June Spiezer. See details at CWCA website: www.chicagowca.com

6:00-7:30 PM – WCA Silent Auction – Bid on a variety of items from signed artwork to elegant cultured pearls to signed copies of Lifetime Achievement Awardee Mary Jane Jacob's new book, *'Learning Mind: Experience into Art,'* published Jan. 18, 2010. Proceeds to support the Life Time Achievement Awards. WCA Raffle tickets will also be on sale!

6:30-7:30PM - WCA'S 2010 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS DINNER
2010 Lifetime Achievement Awardees: Tritobia Hayes Benjamin, Mary Jane Jacob, Senga Nengudi, Joyce J. Scott, and Spiderwomen Theater. President's Awardees are Juana Guzman and Karen Reimer

For more information <http://www.nationalwca.org/awards/currentLAA.html>

7:40-9:30PM - WCA's National Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony.

Sunday, Feb 14 WCA 'From the Center' Activities and Bus Tour

Bus boards at Hotel Allegro at 7:45 AM. Departs promptly at 8:00AM

8:30AM -Arrive at the International Museum of Surgical Science 1524 N. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago IL, 60610

8:30AM – Yueh-mei Cheng: Centering Qigong Meditation

8:45-9:45AM - Breakfast, Chapter's Council Meeting

9:45-10:30AM - Tour exhibition by Carol Bjerke, Hidden Agendas

10:30- 11:00AM en route

11:00-12:00PM - National Museum of Mexican Art . Special tour with Juana Guzman, NMMA VP and 2010 WCA President's Award recipient.

12:00-12:45PM en route

12:45PM - Arrive Beverly Arts Center of Chicago

12:45-1:15PM - Box lunch (please note that box lunches will only be available for those who purchased a bus tour ticket)

1:15-2:00PM - Young WCA panel

2:00-3:00PM - JWAN exhibition and dessert reception 'Drawing the Line'

3:00 -3:30PM en route

3:30-4:30PM - Tour Exhibitions at Hyde Park Center

4:30-5:00PM en route back to hotels

Monday, Feb 15

7:30-8:30AM-- NY 2011 committee meeting Hotel Allegro Lobby

9:00AM-3:00PM---WCA National Board Meeting, Columbia College, 600 S. Michigan Avenue. Please note for all attending the board meeting there is a \$20 fee to be paid at the meeting to cover breakfast, snacks, beverages and lunch. (Check WCA message board for room number)

For **2010 Lifetime Achievement Awards** info [click here](#)
