

Long Beach Museum of Art

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“DARK FOREST” SETS THE MOOD FOR LBMA’S UPCOMING “LBMA AFTER DARK” MARCH 19, 2009

LONG BEACH (February, 2009) – On March 19, 2009, The Long Beach Museum of Art will present the latest installment of its popular LBMA After Dark program– an evening filled with food, drinks, music, and world-class artwork. The line up for this event includes:

- Beer and Wine Tasting
- Happy Hour Prices on Food and Drink
- DJ Lithuanian Prince spinning tunes
- Access to all Museum exhibitions until 10 PM including *David Simon: Dark Forest, California, Seen: Landscapes of a Changing California, 1930 – 1970* and *Modernism and the Milton Wichner Collection*
- Lounge-style setting with comfortable couches and benches set up throughout the campus

The LBMA After Dark event is open to the public from 7-10 p.m. There is a \$10 cover charge at the door, but Museum members and a guest are admitted free. (The Museum will host a private preview reception for the *David Simon: Dark Forest* exhibition for Museum members and press starting at 5 p.m.)

About David Simon: Dark Forest

David Simon: Dark Forest features a collection of figurative sculptures based on the contemporary play *The Black Rider: The Casting of the Magic Bullets*, written by music legend Tom Waits. *The Black Rider* tells the tragic story of a young man’s downfall after bargaining with the devil in pursuit of love. Inspired by the characters in *The Black Rider*, Simon created approximately twenty figures of either bronze or Forton (a lightweight, durable casting medium), often accented with other materials such as glass, steel, leather or wood. The sculptures are almost life-size and extremely realistic, each one representing a role or character in the play. The exhibition will be presented in the Museum’s Gail-Oxford Gallery, which will be transformed into a dimly-lit forest of sculptures and pedestals to provide the appropriate theatrical setting for the *Black Rider* characters.

About the Long Beach Museum of Art

Located at 2300 East Ocean Blvd. on a magnificent bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Long Beach Museum of Art features a historic mansion and carriage house, expansive galleries and gardens, oceanfront dining at Claire’s at the Museum and a unique Museum Store. The galleries and store are open Tuesday – Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Claire’s at the Museum is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors age 62 and older, free for Museum members and children under 12, and free for everyone on Friday. For more information, call (562) 439-2119 or visit www.lbma.org.

Images (top to bottom)

David Simon, *The Watchman*, 1998, Bronze, Steel, Glass, 47 x 13 x 16 inches; David Simon, *The Hunter*, 1998, Bronze, 31 x 10 x 19 inches; David Simon, *The Banjo Player*, 2003, Bronze, 51 x 21 x 10 inches; David Simon, *The Lookout*, 1998, Resin, 31 x 10 x 19 inches.



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