



SANTA BARBARA
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*The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) announces the 2008-2009 schedule for CAF's **Forum Lounge** performance series.*

FORUM LOUNGE

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – *At the cutting edge of performance art! CAF unveils Forum Lounge's most riveting lineup of artists and programs yet! For the 2008-09 season, **Forum Lounge** has a new look backed by an extraordinary schedule that celebrates the richness of contemporary performance art. **Forum Lounge** will present multidisciplinary events that incorporate dance, music, theatre, video, and other multi-media elements. Over the next year, the program will continue to expand upon its focus on new and emerging performance artists at the fore-*

front of contemporary art. Mark your calendars for some of this year's featured artists, many who have begun to garner international attention and acclaim for their works.

Forum Lounge, CAF's popular series of **FREE**, performance-based events taking place on the first Thursday of every month in collaboration with the Downtown Organization's *First Thursdays*, reflects our mission to sustain and encourage the artistic process by presenting art in the form of exceptional music, dance, video, and other multi-media. The series encourages experiences with unique performance pieces ranging from the theatrical to the avant-garde and presents performers rarely found outside of large metropolitan venues.

Forum Lounge 2008-2009 Lineup:

THU. SEPT. 4, 7:30 PM

The Best of the Ottawa Animation Film Festival

THU. OCT. 2, 7-9 PM

Sara Wookey, Walking LA

THU. NOV. 6, 7-9 PM

Shana Lutker, Hear It Here

THU. DEC. 4, 7-9 PM

Jennifer Vanderpool and Rasmus Persson, Urban Jungle: An Interactive Performance Piece

JAN. NO PROGRAMMING

THU. FEB. 5, 7-9 PM

Sarah Paul Ocampo, Advanced Beginner

THU. MAR. 5, 7-9 PM

Tamy Ben-Tor, Mistaken Identity

THU. APR. 4, 7-9 PM

To Be Announced



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THU. MAY 7, 7-9 PM

Marnie Weber

THU. JUN. 4, 7-9 PM

Miwa Matreyek

THU. JUL. 2, 7-9 PM

Aïda Ruilova

THU. AUG. 6, 7-9 PM

Dance for Camera

Funding and support for the '08-'09 **Forum Lounge** season generously provided by: Buttonwood Winery, Hint Water, and the Franciscan Inn. Official media sponsor: KCSB. Forum Lounge is presented in association with the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization's 1st Thursday.

The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2008, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. **Images available upon request. For more information contact Lauren Mermel, at 805.966.5373 ext 104 or go online to www.sbcaf.org.**