

## **Join WCA in Chicago for our Out of the Box CONFAB 'From the Center' Thursday, February 10 – Monday, February 15, 2010**

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 Women Made Gallery, 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.'

### **REGISTER FOR THE CONFAB NOW using the REGISTRATION FORM BELOW.**

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 at WCA's table. 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**

WCA CONFAB HOTEL — BOOK NOW!

CAA and TFAP conference events will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. WCA members who are CAA members, the Allegro is within walking distance to the Hyatt Regency Hotel Allegro

[www.allegrochicago.com](http://www.allegrochicago.com)

171 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601  
Reservations (800) 643-1500

Hotel (312) 236-0123

Room rates:

\$125 king or 2 double beds (please indicate need)

\$225 suite

Please mention code **'Women's Caucus'**

**Room space is limited.** WCA rates are available on a first come first served basis, so make your reservations today!!

**Rate is only guaranteed through January 4, 2010.**

If you call the hotel and they no longer have rooms available at the WCA rate, please email [janice\\_nesser@nationalwca.org](mailto:janice_nesser@nationalwca.org)

WCA members who are CAA members can also make reservations at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, (800) 233-1234 and mention "College Art Association Annual Conference". Rates: Double (before December 12) \$149 (after December 12) \$159

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### **2010 WCA CONFAB 'From the Center' SCHEDULE**

\*Schedule Current as of November 14, 2009

#### **Wednesday, Feb 10 – Hotel Allegro**

Dinner and Activities - sponsored by WCA committees – optional - (Time/place TBA)

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

9:00AM – 4:00PM CAA panels or possible gallery walk (public transit)

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) See panel details at <http://www.nationalwca.org/conference/currentconfer.html>

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.

Hyatt Regency (free and open to the public)

2:00-5:30PM –Free time. Visit Chicago art venues. See your registration package.

(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/Openings National WCA exhibition "From the Center," Woman Made Gallery and Chicago WCA Chapter exhibition, ARC Gallery.

#### **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

<http://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: <http://www.chicagowca.com>

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. Presidents 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

12:00-12:45PM en route

12:45PM - Arrive Beverly Center

12:45-1:15PM - Box lunch

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 (TBA)

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## 2010 'From the Center' CONFAB REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out and mail to: Women's Caucus for Art, PO Box 1498, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013-1498

CONFAB TICKETS also ON SALE ONLINE [www.nationalwca.org/conferences](http://www.nationalwca.org/conferences)

**IMPORTANT NOTE! All WCA members, including Chicago-area members, planning to attend any CONFAB events, MUST register so we can plan accordingly.**

### Information required

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Hotel/Other Accommodation Location & dates of stay (arrival and departure):

Cell number: (We're making a list to share so we can be in touch with each other.)

**Take part in all of the WCA activities** – Meet new people, network, get information, hang out, have fun. Purchase the CONFAB deal, the **WCA CONFAB Members-Only Early Registration Package** before January 1, 2010 for only **\$175**.

### Full Event Package Price:

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$175 WCA CONFAB Members-Only Early Registration Package (before January 1, 2010)** includes registration fee, 2 bus tours, Chicago chapter Awards ceremony and reception and National WCA Lifetime Achievement Awards dinner and reserved ceremony seating.

### Individual Event Prices:

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$15** registration fee for all WCA members before Jan 1 (after Jan 1 registration fee is \$20)

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$17** single – Bus Tour\*, Fri. 2/12 to Chicago WCA Chapter exhibition at ARC Gallery and then to the opening reception for the WCA national exhibition 'From the Center' at Woman Made Gallery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$45** single –Bus Tour\*, Sunday, 2/14 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, to WCA's Town Hall Meeting, 'Centering' Workshop, and Young Women's Caucus panel at the Surgical Science Museum. Exhibition stops at Carol Bjerke's 'Hidden Agendas' at the Surgical Science Museum, the National Museum of Mexican Art, the

Beverly Center and the opening of the JWAN exhibition 'Drawing the Line' and The Hyde Park Art Center. \* **Bus tour - limited seating - first come, first served.** Continental breakfast and lunch included: (Lunch choices. Please check one.)

Turkey  Vegetarian  Salad

**\$20** Chicago WCA Chapter's 2010 Awards for Excellence in the Arts, Saturday 2/13 4:00-6:00PM More info at: [www.chicagowca.org](http://www.chicagowca.org)

**\$90** (before January 1, 2010  \$100 (January 1, 2010 and later)  
WCA'S 2010 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS DINNER includes reserved seating for the Awards ceremony. Saturday, 2/13, 6:30-9:30PM

**\$10** WCA's 2010 Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony ONLY, Saturday, 2/13, 7:40-9:30PM

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed**

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Friday, Feb 12. 6-9PM - Opening reception, WCA national exhibition "From the Center" juried by Lucy Lippard, Woman Made Gallery and Chicago Chapter exhibition at ARC Gallery

Saturday, Feb 13, 7:30-9AM - Chapters' Council Meeting and Networking  
Grand CD North, Gold Level, East Tower, Hyatt Regency

Saturday, Feb 13, 7:40PM - Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony

Sunday, Feb 14, 8:30AM - "From the Center" Town Hall – International Museum of Surgical Science

Sunday, Feb 14, 2:00-4:00PM - JWAN exhibition opening 'Drawing the Line', Beverly Center

Monday, Feb 15, 9:00AM--3:00PM - WCA National Board Meeting (Attendees pay for breakfast and lunch – attendees MUST RSVP)

**WCA TICKETS YOU PLAN TO BUY OR HAVE PURCHASED:**

- \_\_\_ WCA Members-Only Early Registration Package Ticket
- \_\_\_ Bus Ticket for Friday Night Receptions at ARC and Woman Made Gallery
- \_\_\_ Chicago Chapter Awards for ‘Excellence in the Arts’ Ticket
- \_\_\_ Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner Ticket
- \_\_\_ Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony Reserved Seat Only Ticket, Saturday, Chicago Cultural Center
- \_\_\_ Bus Ticket for Sunday FROM THE CENTER Tour

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**CAA EVENTS AND PANELS:**

NOTE: CAA events are in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Items marked CAA Conference Event are open only to CAA conference attendees; or to attendees who purchase a one-day conference pass from CAA registration booth.

The CAA Book and Trade Fair can be an important part of your Confab experience. The fair offers free samples of art supplies as well as information about opportunities for artists, scholars and teachers. The value gained from the Fair exceeds the entrance fee if you arrive for the Confab on Wednesday, 2/10 and can visit the Fair more than once. The entrance fee for the CAA Book and Trade Fair is \$25 and \$15 for CAA members. It’s free for CAA conference attendees.

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