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## **Monster Drawing Rally Returns to the North Carolina Museum of Art August 25**

*Live drawing event and fund-raiser features more than 75 artists*

**What:** The second annual Monster Drawing Rally, featuring more than 70 artists at all stages of their careers taking shifts to draw for an hour in front of a live audience. As spectators spy on the creative process, sketches morph into full-fledged works of art. Finished drawings are immediately available for \$50 each. DJ Forge will be spinning beats, and a variety of food trucks will be on hand. The evening also includes a collaborative art project sponsored by Flight Fund.

Monster Drawing Rally makes art more accessible as a way to view new talent, interact with North Carolina's artistic community, and support NCMA programming. Inspired by the San Francisco artist-centered nonprofit Southern Exposure, whose mission is to show support to local artists, we've adopted this fund-raising idea to bring North Carolina artists to the Museum for a night of creating, mingling, drinking, and fun.

**Who:** Artists include [Ben Shafer](#), [Miriam Zimil](#), [Drew Hill](#), [Greg Baldwin](#), [Kiki Farish](#), [Maya Freelon Asante](#), [Rio Aubry Taylor](#), [Sean Kernick](#), [Marx Myth](#), [Bart Cusick](#), and [more](#). Food trucks include The Parlour, Stuff, Flirting with Fire, Bulkogi, and Soomsoom Pita Pockets.

**Where:** East Building at the North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh

**When:** Friday, August 25, 5:30 to 9 pm

**Tickets:** \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, free for children under 6 with ticket. Purchase [online](#) or through the Box Office at (919) 715-5923

**More information:** The NCMA hosts a special related event, ArtCast Live Podcast, on Thursday, August 3, featuring artists from the Monster Drawing Rally and local podcasters Jen Dasal, NCMA associate curator of contemporary art ([ArtCurious](#)) and Jeff Bell, host ([Don't You Lie to Me](#)). The event is free with ticket. The ArtCast Live event is also the debut of the [Art-o-Mat](#) art vending machine. For \$5, attendees can get a unique piece of art, dispensed through a one-of-a-kind vintage vending machine. Learn about the podcast hosts and artists [on the Museum site](#).

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### **About the North Carolina Museum of Art**

The North Carolina Museum of Art's permanent collection spans more than 5,000 years, from ancient Egypt to the present, making the institution one of the premier art museums in the South. The Museum's collection provides educational, aesthetic, intellectual, and cultural experiences for the citizens of North Carolina and beyond. The 164-acre Museum Park showcases the connection between art and nature through site-specific works of environmental art. The Museum offers changing national touring exhibitions, classes, lectures, family activities, films, and concerts.

The Museum opened West Building, home to the permanent collection, in 2010. The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the art museum of the State of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, governor, and an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Susi Hamilton, secretary.