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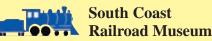


Santa Barbara **Contemporary Arts Forum**

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This Month's Theme: Photography

Bob DeBris: Traveling Photographer!

Bob DeBris (yes, that is a made-up name) is a contemporary photographer who was born in Canada and now lives in Ojai. DeBris has crisscrossed many continents on his bike or in his truck taking photographs of whatever catches his eye. What catches Bob's fancy are funny, offbeat, often different views of the world that may make us smile, laugh, or scratch our heads in disbelief.

He photographs what he finds on his road trip adventures, and sometimes he talks people into posing for unusual photos. His upcoming exhibition at the Contemporary Arts Forum, from March 2-April 19,

titled "20 Years of Debris: A Wrecktrospective" features many of those fun photos. What will you see at CAF?: People in Roswell, New Mexico dressed up like aliens from Outer Space, fans who love Elvis, wacky monuments and roadside stops, visitors to Bob's "Palace of Love" trailer who play "dress up" and pose, and his newest series of Mexican Wrestlers



Carhendge with Sunflower, Alliance, Nebraska, 2001



Miniature Golf Course, Panama City, Florida, 1988

known to their fans as "Luchadores."

Wherever Bob goes and whomever Bob photographs, his camera smiles down on everyone. He has a serious way of bringing out the not-so-serious in everything he sees, and he shows us that it takes all kinds of people and places to make up our wonderful world.



Beam me up!

Artist Bob DeBris travels to Roswell, New Mexico to photograph people who gather each



DETAIL: "We are only a speck." Roswell Costume Party, 1997

year to celebrate the anniversary of the "Roswell Incident," a supposed crash landing of an alien spacecraft on July 3, 1947. Whether they believe aliens really landed or not, many

> to dress up as aliens and enjoy the citywide party. If you had a chance to make your own alien costume and attend the festival what would you look like? Send your wildest alien portrait on 8-1/2 x 11" paper to the

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people travel to Roswell

Nuevo, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or <sbcaf@sbcaf.org> We will post a selection of portraits on our Kids Page on our web site. <www.sbcaf.org> Each student that participates will receive a free autographed Bob DeBris



Calling All Kids — To El Palacio Del Amor (The Palace of Love)

Would you like to be a part of Bob DeBris' photographic journey? You and your family can meet him, and be photographed at the Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center Court when he brings his Palace of Love trailer studio to town, from Thursday through Saturday, March 6-8, 12-4 pm.

If you decide to be photographed by Bob, get ready to wear an angel halo and wings, cowboy hat and chaps, or whatever else you find in his magic trunk of props. It's ok to be goofy! Take home your photo and keep it in a special place. You are now part of DeBris history!

For more information on getting a photograph taken at the Palace of Love call CAF at 805-966-5373 x18.



DETAIL: El Palacio del Amor (The Palace of Love) at the SB Courthouse, 1997



Lively Luchadores!

Many Mexican wrestlers ("Luchadores") excitedly line up to be photographed when Bob DeBris visits their wrestling

matches. For

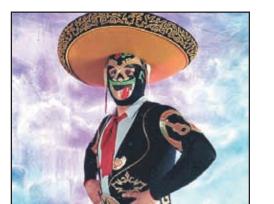
many wrestlers, their work is a family tradition. Each one creates his or her own unique mask and costume, and parents pass along their costumes to their children. A Mexican Wrestler is NEVER to be seen without their mask. Families often watch the matches together and have fun wearing masks and cheering on their wrestling superheroes.

On Saturday, March 15, at 10 am, you and your family have a

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great opportunity to work with artist Dug Uyesaka and design your very own Mexican Wrestling action figure at Art From

Scrap, located at 302 E. Cota St. Call ahead for reservations at 805-884-0459 because this CAF-sponsored workshop fills up quickly!





Lucha Fans, Cal State LA, 2002

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