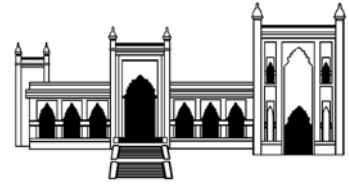


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The Brand Library Art Galleries is pleased to present dancers **Liz Curtis** and **Martha Carrascosa** in an interactive performance with artist **Cheryl Walker's** *Circle in the Square* exhibition installation. *Circle in the Square*, featuring the art work of Yesung Kim, Barbara Kolo, Susan Sironi, Luke Van Hook, and Cheryl Walker will be on view at Brand Library Art Galleries August 2 through September 5, 2008.

Reception and Dance Performance: Saturday, August 2, 5-8 p.m.

In the artist's own words, the installations *Waterfall IV* and *Windows on the World* "evoke an underwater environment as a place for growth, renewal, and transformation. Transparent materials in a transparent process, together with light and movement, reveal the evolution of an interactive experience." In the center of the Skylight Gallery, a 15 foot waterfall of layered, transparent, multi-colored vinyl hangs from the elevated space. At the far end of the gallery, in the four large arched windows, repositionable, translucent vinyl, colorform shapes are adhered to create a stained glass effect.

In an opening performance, dancers Liz Curtis and Martha Carrascosa from the renowned Glendale College Dance Department will animate the gallery by penetrating the space of the waterfall and by moving between the waterfall and the windows. As the dancers interact with the artwork by adhering vinyl colorforms to the windows, viewers will be invited to participate in the creation of the stained glass window effect by adding and moving overlapping translucent colored shapes.

Liz Curtis is a professional dancer who also choreographs for film, television, and music videos as well as national and international tours. This summer she is a guest artist at Glendale Community College, teaching Latin Ballroom Dance.

Martha Carrascosa is a dancer who trained with the Royal Academy of Dance in Guatemala as well as in Mexico and El Salvador. She is currently an international student at Glendale Community College and an intern in the Dance Department.

Cheryl Walker earned her BA in art in her home state of Minnesota, and her MFA from California State University, Long Beach. Trained as a painter, Walker's installations have some of the qualities of painting—when viewed head-on the suspended layers of vinyl can appear to be two-dimensional because of their transparency and the cut shapes and forms applied to the vinyl are reminiscent of brushstrokes—but removed from the wall these works are thrust into what she calls an "interactive field of play". The fluidity of the material she works with and her interest in collaboration between the artist and viewer have inspired Walker to create works that can be transformed into performance pieces by dance, music, and in-situ art-making. Walker has exhibited extensively in Southern California and has presented collaborative installation performances at MOCA, REDCAT and Angel's Gate Cultural Center.

The reception and dance performance are sponsored in part by the Associates of Brand Library & Art Center.

Brand Library Art Galleries is located in northwest Glendale, easily accessed via the Golden State (5) or Ventura (134) freeways. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 12-9 pm; Wednesday, 10 am-6 pm; and Friday and Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. Admission to all events is free and open to the public unless otherwise stated. There is ample free parking. Call 818-548-2051 for additional information.

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