

Blind Spot: Stephanie Syjuco at MSU Broad Museum

Overview

Every few months, the MSU Broad Art Museum changes their exhibits. Recently, a new exhibit opened to the public, Stephanie Syjuco's *Blind Spot*. In March, Syjuco will discuss her work at the museum's Artist Talk.

Blind Spot

Blind Spot is the newest edition to the MSU Broad Art Museum. It debuted on February 4, 2023 and will be on display until July 23, 2023. Additional exhibits will join the museum during this period.

Syjuco utilizes sculpture, photography and video to bring her installation to life. In her art, she applies green fabric to mimic a green screen. Her gray and white checkerboard fabric emulates transparent areas of an image.

These elements of her work are similar to those in photoshop.



Photo courtesy of Dusty Kessler.

Syjuco's goal is to make people question photographs and color. She wants her audience to ask what the "right color" means. One's understanding and choice of color drove her work.

Immediately, I recognized the chroma green as the color used in green screens. It was the first aspect of her work that made me wonder why she chose that color. Exactly like Syjuco wanted me to do.

To create her installation, she researched hidden moments in history. Events the average person would not know about. This was done to understand how museums use artifacts to tell a specific story.

Institutions' narratives are not always the correct story. By exploring this idea, Syjuco inspires people to look at blind spots in history. She encourages onlookers to find blind spots in their own stories.

I enjoyed the ripped photographs pieced together to create a whole image. It took me a few seconds to realize it wasn't a picture of a ripped image. The torn pieces were actually rearranged and placed within a frame.

Artist Talk

MSU Broad Art Museum frequently invites artists to speak about their work. They share their inspiration, tools, creative process and more. The last Artist Talk was by Zaha Hadid for her installation *Design: Untold*.

Syjuco is the next guest speaker. She will share her experience creating *Blind Spot*. After Syjuco's presentation, there is time to ask questions and talk with her.

This event takes place March 30, 2023.

"I loved exploring the installation and can't wait to hear her thought process behind it," said student Tina Everet.

Free registration for Syjuco's artist talk is online at the MSU Broad Art Museums website.

Events and Community Connections

Broad Art Museum holds various events for students and the community. These events allow people to be creative and express themselves through art. Organizations can host events at the museum for special occasions or specific groups.

Emma Smith, a student worker at the museum, says the events bring the school and the East Lansing community together.

“There are two entrances to the museum to bridge the two [communities],” said Smith.

Most events are for both MSU students and the community. The museum was designed to connect MSU to the community around it. These events are one way it does that.

Upcoming Events:

- Museum Tour: Architecture on February 26, 2023.
- Collection Reframe: A Community Conversation on March 12, 2023.
- Student Night: Green Screen on March 15, 2023.
- SpARTen Wellness: PLAY WITH CLAY on March 19, 2023.
- Speak Up: Performance Poetry Workshop on March 22, 2023.

Registration for all MSU Broad Art Museum events can be found on their website.