



Acclaimed artists Dana Schutz and Ryan Johnson to give Artists Talks at MIAD

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**MILWAUKEE...** The MIAD Creativity Series, founded by MIAD Board Chair Madeleine Kelly Lubar and her husband, David Lubar, continues with the visit of acclaimed New York-based artists Dana Schutz and Ryan Johnson. In keeping with the mission of the Creativity Series, they will engage with MIAD students and with the general public. Their visit is generously supported by the Bert L. & Patricia S. Steigleder Charitable Trust.

Schutz will give an Artist Talk on Tuesday, March 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Johnson will give an Artist Talk on Wednesday, March 20, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

The talks, free and open to the public, will be held in MIAD's painting studios.

Assistant Professor of Painting Kristopher Benedict, who was instrumental in bringing the artists to MIAD, said, "The artists create highly individualized work with an innovative use of fiction and a strong connection to art history."

He described Dana Schutz "as one of the more internationally recognized and influential artists to emerge in the last decade. Full of color and pictorial invention, her paintings, drawings and prints depict narrative scenes ranging from the ecstatic to the grotesque to the unsettled everyday."

Ryan Johnson's sculptures, said Benedict, "blur the distinctions between the real and imagined and offer us a brilliant reflection on the process of representation. He works with a variety of approaches and materials, creating art imbued with a sense of play that is in turn personal and monumental."

Schutz is represented by [Petzel, New York](#), and [Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin](#).

Johnson is represented by the [Suzanne Geiss Company](#) in New York.

[View works from the artists](#) (who are also a married couple) and [read their bios](#).

Madeleine Kelly Lubar said, "We are extremely grateful to Kristopher Benedict for bringing artists of such high caliber to the MIAD and Milwaukee communities, and to the Bert L. & Patricia S. Steigleder Charitable Trust for their support of the series. We look forward to engaging with and learning from Dana Schutz and Ryan Johnson."

View Schutz' recent exhibition of paintings at the [Denver Art Museum](#), and of prints and drawings at the [Atlanta Contemporary Art Center](#).

Read about Johnson's installation, [Self Storage](#), in the New York Times.

Read the cover story about Schutz in [Art in America Magazine](#).

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