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# **UNLOADED**

## **MCAD Presents Nationally Traveling Exhibition**



*San Antonio, Nina Berman*

**Minneapolis, MN**—*UNLOADED* is a nationally traveling, multi-media, group exhibition that explores the historic and social issues surrounding the divisive nature of gun ownership in the United States.

Curated by Susanne Slavick, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Art at Carnegie Mellon University, the exhibition presents a number of perspectives on the image and impact of guns in contemporary culture, though none endorse them as a means to an end.

Works by twenty-two artists touch upon a host of issues surrounding access to and use of firearms across demographic categories. They examine, according to Slavick, “the role that guns continue to play in our national mythologies, suicide rates, individual and mass murder, domestic violence, and the militarization of civilian life.”

“The artists in *UNLOADED* visualize the power of the gun as icon and instrument, the damage it can do and how weapons might be rejected, broken, or silenced,” she added. “Some show the power that guns wield in our daily realities and personal fantasies. Others mourn and resist that power, doing everything they can to take it away, believing there are better ways to resolve conflicts, ensure safety, and keep the peace.”

Artists include: Lauren F. Adams, Natalie Baxter, Nina Berman, Joshua Bienko, Casey Li Brander, Anthony Cervino, Mel Chin, Cathy Colman, Dadpranks, James Duesing, Jessica Fenlon, Vanessa German, Laura Karetzky, Jinshan, Andrew Ellis Johnson, Jennifer Meridian, Adrian Piper, Don Porcella, Devan Shimoyama, Susanne Slavick, Renee Stout, and Stephanie Syjuco.

Additional programming at MCAD will include several film screenings followed by discussions, a panel discussion with people on both sides of the gun rights/gun violence prevention debate, and community workshops. More information will be available in May at [mcad.edu/unloaded](http://mcad.edu/unloaded).

### **UNLOADED Exhibition Details:**

Reception:	Friday, June 9, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Curator and Artist Talk by Susanne Slavick at 8:00 p.m. in Auditorium 150
When:	June 9–July 16, 2017
Where:	Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Main Gallery 2501 Stevens Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404
Who:	Free and open to the public

### **ABOUT THE MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN**

Recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to visual arts education, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design is home to 800 students and offers professional certificates, bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of science degrees, and graduate degrees.

### **MCAD Gallery Hours**

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, noon–5:00 p.m.

Events and exhibitions are always free and open to the public. For more information or any disability accommodations, please contact Kerry Morgan, director of gallery and exhibition programs, at 612.874.3667 or [gallery@mcad.edu](mailto:gallery@mcad.edu).

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Laura Karetzky



*Cross for the Unforgiven*  
Mel Chin



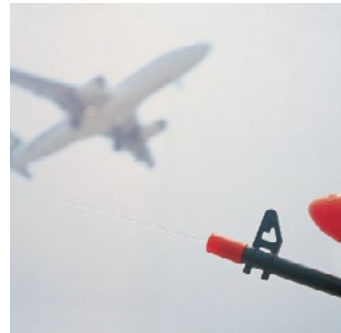
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Joshua Bienko



*Paper won't hold the wound I leave*  
Devan Shimoyama



*Massacre of the Innocents*  
Andrew Ellis Johnson



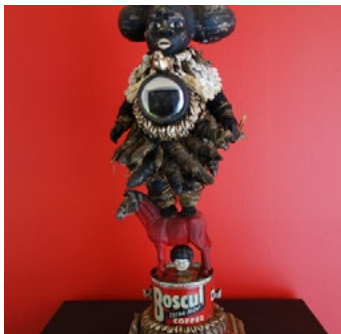
*I also like hijacking*  
Jinshan



*Destiny Fulfilled*  
Casey Li Brander



*Granny Smith Wesson*  
Lauren F. Adams



*Unwhipped*  
Vanessa German

*UNLOADED* is touring to ten venues across the country:

- Atlanta, GA in partnership with Dashboard  
April 28, 2017, concurrent with annual NRA Meeting April 28-30 through mid-May
- Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD)  
June 9–July 16, 2017
- Harris Art Gallery, University of La Verne, La Verne CA  
September and October of 2017

Previous sites:

- SPACE Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
- Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL
- Handwerker Gallery, Ithaca College
- Urban Institute of Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids MI
- iMOCA, Indianapolis
- Bolivar Art Gallery, University of Kentucky, Lexington
- Institute of Contemporary Art at MECA, Portland ME