

Oakland Museum of California



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FINAL WEEK OF *MICHAEL C. McMILLEN* AT OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

**First-ever career retrospective of famed California artist
closes Sunday, August 14**

(OAKLAND, CA) August 8, 2011—The public has only one week left to enjoy the first-ever career retrospective of artist Michael C. McMillen, on view at the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA). Closing this Sunday, August 14, the exhibition *Michael C. McMillen: Train of Thought* spans the 40-year career of the internationally renowned Southern California-based mixed-media artist.

Featuring large-scale multisensory installations, assemblages, sculptures, paintings, drawings, and films on view throughout OMCA's Gallery of California Art, the exhibition invites viewers into a made-up world—a skill for which McMillen is best known. Using cast-off materials and architectural references as a metaphoric language, McMillen transports viewers into a distinctly different conceptual reality. The rough-hewn elegance of his fabrications challenge the concepts of time and change, often drawing on elements of Dada and Surrealism.

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LAST CHANCE TO SEE *MICHAEL C. McMILLEN: TRAIN OF THOUGHT*, CLOSING AUGUST 14 AT OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

WHAT: First-ever retrospective of Southern California artist Michael C. McMillen, one of the most distinguished individual artists working today in California

WHEN: Through August 14, 2011

WHERE: Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607

TICKETS: Admission is \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students with valid ID; \$6 youth, ages 9-17. Free for children 8 and under and OMCA members

ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its

people. OMCA's groundbreaking exhibits share the California narrative with many voices, often drawing on first-person accounts by people who have shaped the state's cultural heritage. Visitors are invited to actively participate in the Museum as they learn about the natural, artistic and social forces that affect the state and investigate their own role in both its history and its future. With more than 1.8 million objects, OMCA is a leading cultural institution of the Bay Area and a resource for the research and understanding of California's dynamic cultural and environmental heritage.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Oakland Museum of California is located at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland. OMCA offers onsite underground parking and is conveniently located one block from the Lake Merritt BART station, on the corner of 10th Street and Oak Street. The accessibility ramp is located at the new 1000 Oak Street main entrance. For more information, visit www.museumca.org.

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