

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Cleveland Launches Two-Year Partnership With For Freedoms Artist Collective and The City Club of Cleveland to Produce Eight Quarterly Town Hall Programs****First Program Takes Place at the Museum on Sunday, September 17, 2017,  
With a Focus on Migration**

For Freedoms Town Hall Meeting at MOCA, November 2016

**WHO** Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Cleveland, in collaboration with For Freedoms Artist Collective and The City Club of Cleveland

**WHAT** Migration: A For Freedoms Town Hall Discussion

Following an inspiring Town Hall program in fall 2016, **MOCA is partnering again with [For Freedoms](#)**, an artist-run Super PAC founded by artists Hank Willis Thomas and Eric Gottesman, and **[The City Club of Cleveland](#)**. The partnership comprises a **two-year residency** culminating in a series of quarterly Town Hall events that investigate **how art and activism can shape America**. **The For Freedoms Town Hall discussions are free and open to the public.**

Inspired by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's historic speech that outlined four inalienable human rights, the **For Freedoms Town Hall** discussions

will explore **current issues related to the freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of speech, and freedom of worship**. Held in the round, each Town Hall discussion will integrate national and local panelists with the audience in an intimate dialogue **moderated by Dan Moulthrop, CEO of the City Club of Cleveland**.

“We are thrilled to announce this two-year partnership with **For Freedoms** and **The City Club of Cleveland**,” remarks MOCA Executive Director **Jill Snyder**. “This series is a reflection of MOCA’s role as a vibrant platform for community learning and engagement.”

**Dan Moulthrop**, CEO of The City Club of Cleveland, adds: “We are at our best when we are embracing freedom of expression and engaging in the tough conversations. **MOCA** pushes boundaries and we are very excited to collaborate with them and **For Freedoms** to explore arts-driven civic dialogue.”

The first of these Town Hall discussions will take place on **Sunday, September 17** and will focus primarily on **freedom from fear**. Held in MOCA’s ground floor Gund Commons, this program will be a collaborative presentation and discussion on **issues of global and local migration** and how the movement of people has influenced American society and culture over time. Considering the complex fears connected with this migration, the program will feature a panel of local and non-local participants of various ages and backgrounds who will ask questions of one another and share aspects of their individual experiences with immigration, transcending boundaries, and creating community. The program will be moderated by Dan Moulthrop.

**WHEN**      **Sunday, September 17, 2017 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**WHERE**      **MOCA Cleveland | 11400 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland, OH | 44106**

**PRICE**      **Free and open to all**

For Freedoms at MOCA is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically.

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### **ABOUT MOCA CLEVELAND**

MOCA plays an urgent and exciting role in the city's cultural landscape. As a non-collecting institution and the region's only contemporary art museum, MOCA is ever-changing, introducing new exhibitions three times a year and creating fresh experiences for visitors each season. Since its founding in 1968, MOCA has presented the works of more than 2,000 artists to our region, often through artists' first solo shows.

A *kunsthalle* in the Midwest, MOCA acts as both conduit and catalyst for anyone seeking creativity and inspiration.

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