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NEWS RELEASE

ICA Receives \$10,000 Grant from The Knight Foundation for *Travelogue* Lecture Series

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The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) at the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$10,000 from the Knight Foundation to organize *Travelogue*—an exciting international program. Over the course of one year, ICA will host guest speakers from five different global art centers. In a time of recession and shrinking travel budgets, in the era of the "staycation," ICA intends to bring that faraway art center to Philadelphia in the form of an art professional who will lecture on the art communities in their respective cities. We will identify and invite the most knowledgeable art professionals, whether they be curators, art dealers, artists, or nonprofit directors, from cities like Singapore, New Delhi, Paris, Lebanon, Beijing, and Santiago. These are cities with vibrant and burgeoning art scenes, in many respects comparable to Philadelphia's. In addition to experiencing their presentation of a slide lecture at ICA, we will share with our guests what is happening in Philadelphia's art community by taking them to our art galleries, nonprofits, and museums.

This program will appeal not only to artists and the art community in Philadelphia, but also to culture seekers interested in learning more about these cities. This type of programming brings to ICA an international perspective that is otherwise limited by our resources. Not only do many curators and artists not have an opportunity to travel to far-flung art scenes, but many international curators might not have an awareness of Philadelphia's creative community. We anticipate that these conversations will lead to new opportunities for the international artists introduced to us through these lectures. As well, our guests will take away a working knowledge of ICA and Philadelphia's art community.

Travelogue builds on who ICA is and the role it plays in the Philadelphia community: an institution devoted to contemporary art, with a facility for presenting new ideas and a dedication to what is current and emerging in our culture. This program will not only help us stay absolutely current—contemporary—but will function as a tool to facilitate in an art conversation with cities around the world.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICA is located at:
118 South 36th Street at the
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NEW HOURS!

Wednesday, 11am-8pm
Thursday and Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturday and Sunday, 11am-5pm

ADMISSION IS FREE EVERY DAY.

Free admission to the Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania for the public is sponsored by the Amanda (C95) and Glenn Fuhrman (W87/WG88) Fund.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

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The Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania believes in the power of art and artists to inform and inspire. The ICA is free for all to engage and connect with the art of our time.

This program is organized by ICA Curator Jenelle Porter.

ICA thanks the Knight Foundation Donor-Advised Fund of The Philadelphia Foundation for sponsoring this program. Co-presented with the Curator's Perspective series at Independent Curators International, New York.