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By Lavanya Ramanathan

Art Goes al Fresco

Tomorrow, the gallery walls come down, and art comes outdoors. No, we're not talking about sidewalk chalk — one event is a block party that features artists whose work is likely to be seen on the sides of buildings as it is to hang in galleries, and the other is a night of projection art and drinks — poolside.

■ If you read this week's story about the renaissance occurring at the Capitol Skyline Hotel — ahem, thanks to its sprawling, crystal-blue pool — tomorrow night is a great opportunity to check it out. Mera Rubell, of the Rubell family, which owns the Southwest Washington hotel, asked Conner Contemporary to help put together a series of art events at the site, and tomorrow, as the Brightest Young Things Summer Camp party winds down, the Rubell collection and Conner will kick off a night of **experimental video** by Alan Callander, Jefferson Pinder, Mary Coble and others in a video lounge near the pool. See the art (curated by Conner artist Brandon Morse), then chill out by the pool and sip drinks. The best part: All this Miami-style action comes without the SoBe price tag; it's free.

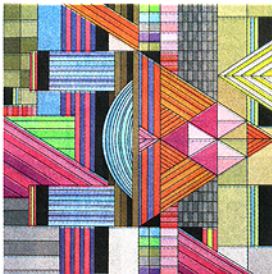
Tomorrow, 6-9 p.m. Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St. SW. 202-488-7500 or visit www.connercontemporary.com (click on News).

■ Also tomorrow, Irvine Contemporary opens its latest exhibit, **"Street/Studio"** — featuring works by Shepard Fairey, James Marshall, EVOL and a handful of others whose work appears on streets and reflects the aesthetic of the streets — with a block party in the alley behind the gallery, near 14th and P streets NW. Through tomorrow, artists will be creating murals in the alley, and tonight at the Katzen Arts Center there is a discussion on street art featuring some of the artists from the show and moderated by Irvine's director, Martin Irvine. But tomorrow is the fun part: The reception for the show features painter Iona Rozeal Brown and Jahsonic as DJs.

All events are free. Tonight's discussion is at 7 at the Katzen, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. The block party is from 6 to 11 p.m. tomorrow at Irvine Contemporary, 1412 14th St. NW. 202-332-8767 or www.irvinecontemporary.com.



COURTESY OF CONNER ART



COURTESY OF JAMES MARSHALL

Check out works by Alan Callander, top, and James Marshall during outdoor events tomorrow.

Maryland Festivals Happy Birthday, Maryland

St. Mary's County's claim to history is that the first state capital was St. Mary's City. So it's no surprise that the county will play host to a weekend of events marking the 375th anniversary of the colony's founding. There are five main events, including a "river concert series" (tonight at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's College); a waterfront festival tomorrow with ships, foods and crafts (10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's City); and a Juneteenth celebration tomorrow at noon, with a jazz concert (Lexington Park, Route 235 and Tulagi Place). *Most events this weekend are free.* For details about the concerts, visit www.riverconcertseries.com; for tomorrow's festival, visit www.stmaryscity.org; and for more about all events, visit www.maryland375.com.

Maryland Film Free, "For All Mankind"

Every year, the Silverdocs Documentary Film Festival gives the community a great big hug: A free outdoor screening of a film. This year it's the 1989 "For All Mankind," which follows the first manned U.S. lunar landing 40 years ago. Included are interviews with many of the astronauts who went to the moon. *Free, 9 p.m. tonight; a concert is at the site beginning at 6:30 p.m. Silver Plaza, Ellsworth Drive between Georgia Avenue and Fenton Street, Silver Spring.* www.silverdocs.com.



FOR ALL MANKIND

Northern Virginia



BY ROYAL NOYRIZ

mixed-up histories and even gags of timing. Among them: a video that captures an out-of-context reenactment of a speech from the 1963 March on Washington; an installation that mimics the artist's home, but with a few off-the-wall additions; and tweaked photos of violent events. The show opens tonight with a reception and continues through Aug. 22. *Free.* The reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. 703-248-6800 or www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Northern Virginia Festivals Alexandria Waterfront Festival

A huge Ferris wheel that offers a view of the Potomac, proximity to Washington, bands, fireworks ... there's a reason this Red Cross fundraiser is one of the big summer carnivals. Local musicians include Chelsea Lee and Luke Brindley; also find midway rides, a crafts tent and food. *Advance tickets \$10; at the gate, adults are \$15, with two children ages 3-12 free with paying*

www.alexandriafest.com