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Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art presents
The Masters ReMastered

From July 31 through October 24th, visitors to FCMOCA will have an opportunity to see some of their favorite paintings by Monet, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Michelangelo and others as they have been "re-mastered" by contemporary artists.

The Masters ReMastered explores how contemporary visual artists appropriate images from art history and use those images to make a new, contemporary statement," said Marianne Lorenz, FCMOCA executive director, "and the outcomes of that process can be profoundly beautiful, satirical or funny." "Each artist makes a very unique statement even as they quote from the work of previous painters or sculptors."

While the exhibition mainly focuses on artists with some connection to Colorado, it does include two works by one of the first artists to work with appropriated imagery, the late Canadian painter David Bierk. A number of Russian émigré artists such as Komar and Melamid, Leonid Sokov and Mihail Chemiakian are also included. Paintings and drawings Colorado artists Bill Admundson, Wes Hempel, and Jack Balas, as well as digitally manipulated photographs by Gary Emrich and Ken Iwamasa demonstrate how those artists use images from the past to make contemporary statements about the environment, land use, and other contemporary issues. Anne Connell, who works with images from late Gothic, early Renaissance motifs transports the viewer into a richly detailed world filled with architectural details, glistening pearls and hand-made paper.

"We are particularly pleased to be presenting a number of paintings by the Israel-born New York-based artist Yigal Ozeri from the collection of Dr. Wayne Yakes," Lorenz said. Ozeri's paintings feature disembodied, yet still magnificent, dresses that once were inhabited by members of the court of Charles the Second of Spain. Ozeri's process of reduction, abstraction and virtuoso brushwork make these re-creations of Alonso Coello's court portraits hauntingly beautiful, yet very contemporary works of art.

FCMOCA is located at 201 S. College Ave. Fort Collins, CO, 80524
Hours: 10-5 Tuesday - Friday; noon - 5 on Saturday. Closed Sunday & Monday.
Admission: \$5 adults; \$2 seniors; Free to FCMOCA members, students & children.

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David Bierk



Anne Connell



Gary Emrich



Wes Hempel



Ken Iwamasa



Yigal Ozeri