



Alternative Guide to the Universe

Hayward Gallery

Part of Alternative Guide and Festival of Neighbourhood

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Alternative Guide to the Universe explores the work of self-taught artists and architects, fringe physicists and visionary inventors, all of whom offer bracingly unorthodox perspectives on the world we live in.

Eccentric and inspiring, their work re-imagines our social and cultural conventions in ways that fearlessly depart from accepted ways of thinking.

Contributors to the exhibition explore fictional identities and design imaginary cities; they build healing machines and record the unseen energy flows of our bodies. They speculate on mysteries of time and space; create devices for time travel and communication with other dimensions; and fashion new letter forms designed to liberate the alphabet from the strictures of Western civilization.

Taken together, their work conjures a kind of a parallel universe where ingenuity and inventiveness trump common sense and received wisdom.

With special added attraction The Museum of Everything in the Hayward Gallery Project Space -

The Museum of Everything – that world-famous wandering space for unintentional, untrained, undiscovered, unclassifiable, unknowable, undeniable and unforgettable artists of modern times presents Sri Nek Chand Saini, creator of the legendary Rock Garden of Chandigarh, India.

For more details, click through to The Museum of Everything page on our website.

Please be advised that some works in the exhibition contain nudity.

Morton Bartlett, Untitled (Saucy), c. 1950-60 (detail) © the artist and Marion Harris, Lionel Talpazan, UFO with blue thruster jet at right, 1998 (detail) © the artist Photo © Roger Manley (2013) courtesy of Roger Manley, Paul Laffoley, Thanaton III, 1989 (detail) Courtesy Kent Fine Art, New York © the artist, Lee Godie, Untitled (Godie with red background), n.d. (detail) © Lee Godie (2013) courtesy John Turner, Richard Greaves, The House with Windows, 2005 (detail) © Richard Greaves (2013) Photo © Mario del Curto (2013), Eugene Von Bruanchenhein, Lintblad, 1940s (detail) © Lewis B Greenblatt (2013) Courtesy Lewis and Jean Greenblatt All Rights Reserved, Marcel Storr, Untitled, n.d., (detail) © and courtesy Liliane and Bertrand Kempf