



Events hosted by the **Memphis College of Art**

September 25

Voter Registration Drive at MCA, 11am - 2pm

October 12 – November 4

MCA Exhibition on view For Freedoms Exhibition:

A•GEN•CY: A Home in the World Curated by Lester Julian Merriweather

A•GEN•CY: A Home in the World is an exploration of what it means to be a free person of color within the current experiment of American democracy. The intention of *A•GEN•CY* is to examine two pillars of the For Freedoms platform: Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear.

For Freedoms is a platform for civic engagement, discourse, and direct action for artists in the United States. In a world where there can be potentially narrow expectations concerning how artists of color address the construct of race in historical terms, this exhibition takes a different approach. The works in *A•GEN•CY* express ideas around the freedom to be a person of color living in a viscerally racialized America. *A•GEN•CY* examines ways people of color thrive in a moment where the concept of race is used as a weapon against them.

Participating artists include: *Kenny Wayne Alexander, Sheila Pree Bright, Michael Paul Britto, Kevin Brooks, Janaye Brown, Tommy Kha, Lawrence Matthews III, Carl Moore, Andrea Morales, Catherine Patton, Xaviera Simmons, and Jade Thiraswas.*

MCA Gallery hours: Weekdays from 8:30 am–5 pm, Saturdays from 9 am–4 pm, & Sundays from 12pm-4 pm

October 25

For Freedoms Panel Discussion: *Freedom of Expression* at MCA,
Refreshments 5:30pm, Panel 6-8pm

In conjunction with the For Freedoms *50 State Initiative* and For Freedoms Exhibition: *A•GEN•CY*, creatives, curators, and a collector discuss what Freedom means in 2018.

Moderator:

Amber Hamilton, *Chief Operations and Strategy Officer, Memphis Music Initiative*

Panelists:

Elliot Perry, *Art Collector, Former NBA Player & Senior Advisor For The PPF Art Collection*

Lawrence Matthews III, *Multidisciplinary Artist, Filmmaker & Musician*

Andrea Morales, *Photographer & Documentary Photojournalist*

Kimberly Jacobs, *Joyce Blackmon Curatorial Fellow in African American Art and
Art of the African Diaspora, Brooks Museum of Art*

Lester Julian Merriweather, *Artist & Curatorial Consultant, Curator, A•GEN•CY*

November 2

For Freedoms Exhibition: *A•GEN•CY: A Home in the World*, Reception &, Kevin Brooks Film Screening, 6-8pm