

**NEW MUSEUM CONTINUES YEAR-LONG “NIGHT SCHOOL” SERIES  
WITH FALL AND WINTER SESSIONS LED BY ARTISTS  
PAUL CHAN, RIRKRIT TIRAVANIJA, NATASCHA SADR HAGHIGHIAN,  
WALID RAAD AND JALAL TOUFIC, AND RAQS MEDIA COLLECTIVE**

Night School, conceived and organized by artist Anton Vidokle for the New Museum's Museum as Hub project, continues its year-long series of artists seminars in the form of a temporary school, in the fall and winter of 2009 with sessions led by artists **Paul Chan, Rirkrit Tiravanija, Natascha Sadr Haghighian, Walid Raad and Jalal Toufic, and Raqs Media Collective**. Past presenters include have included **Boris Groys, Martha Rosler, Liam Gillick, Okwui Enwezor, Hu Fang and Zhang Wei, and Maria Lind**. Seminars, workshops, screenings, and lectures explore thematic components addressed from the perspective of ongoing research and production, and constitute the core structure of the School. Night School draws upon a group of local and international artists, writers, and theorists to conceptualize and conduct the program.

Lectures, screenings, and conversations take place in the New Museum's theater and fifth-floor Museum as Hub space, as well as informal locations throughout the neighborhood. Night School seminars are Thursday through Sunday and start on the last Thursday of each month, and began in January of 2008. Most events are open to the public and free with Museum admission. Twenty-five applicants were selected to form a core group that participates in smaller, private conversations, developing a rapport with each other and the seminar leaders over the year.

The program is organized by artist Anton Vidokle and is the second in a series of art projects he has realized as temporary schools, the first of which was Unitednationsplaza in Berlin (2006-07). Vidokle's commission is part of the Museum as Hub initiative, a new model for curatorial practice and institutional collaboration established by the New Museum to enhance our understanding of contemporary art around the world.

The upcoming fall/winter schedule includes:

**Night School Public Seminar 7: Paul Chan**

Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 13, 3 p.m.

**Night School Public Seminar 8: Rirkrit Tiravanija**

Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, 3 p.m.

Night School Public Seminar 9: **Natascha Sadr Haghghian**

Thursday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 25, 3 p.m.

Night School Public Seminar 10: **Walid Raad and Jalal Toufic**

Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 6, 3 p.m.

Night School Public Seminar 11: **Raqs Media Collective**

January 2009, dates yet to be determined.

**ABOUT THE NEW MUSEUM**

Founded in 1977, the New Museum is the first and only contemporary art museum in New York City and among the most respected internationally, with a curatorial program unrivaled in the United States in its global scope and adventurousness. With the inauguration of the new, state-of-the-art building on the Bowery, the New Museum is the destination for new art and new ideas.

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