

New Museum's 2012 Triennial Will Focus on Artists Who Grew Up in the Shadow of Political Turmoil

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Courtesy the artist and Galerie Chantal Crousel, Paris

An installation view of Danh Vo's "WE THE PEOPLE," 2011, copper

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The **New Museum** today announced the roster of artists who will participate in "The Ungovernables," the second edition of the triennial that began with "Younger Than Jesus" in 2009. The exhibition, set for February 15 through April 22, 2012, brings together an extremely diverse group of relatively obscure figures, all of whom were born between the mid-'70s and mid-'80s (rather than focusing on artists under 33, as in the previous show). It is sure to launch a few careers — "Younger Than Jesus" catapulted such figures as **Cyprien Gaillard** and **Ryan Trecartin** to fame.

While last year's show was organized by the trio of **Lauren Cornell**, **Massimiliano Gioni**, and **Laura Hoptman**, next year's show is curated solely by New Museum director and curator of public programs **Eugenie Joo**, who served as commissioner for the Korean Pavilion at the 53rd Venice Biennale in 2009. For the show, Joo has assembled 34 artists and collectives who grew up in the shadow of revolutionary movements in the '60s and '70s — a premise ripe for our politically turbulent times.

While "The Ungovernables" sort of sounds to us like a bad Sylvester Stallone action movie, the name is taken from a term embraced by the African National Congress in South Africa in 1986. Joo comments in the press release that "In many ways this generation was formed by the instability of a period marked by military dictatorships, the IMF crises of the 1980s and 1990s, the spread of global capitalism and the rise of fundamentalism."

True to the exhibition's theme, the lineup of artists is incredibly international with a distinctly non-western focus. Only five of the artists live and work in the United States. The show is sponsored by Uniqlo-meets-H&M Canadian fashion brand **Joe Fresh** — an affordable chain that plans to open a flagship store on Fifth Ave near Bryant Park around the time the exhibition opens.

Here, in alphabetical order, is the full list of artists:

- **Mounira Al Solh**
- **Jonathas de Andrade**
- **Minam Apang**
- **CAMP**

- Julia Dault
- Abigail DeVille
- House of Natural Fiber
- Hu Xiaoyuan
- Invisible Borders
- Iman Issa
- Hassan Khan
- Kit Lee
- Cinthia Marcelle
- Dave McKenzie
- Nicolás Paris
- Bona Park
- Gary-Ross Pastrana
- Pratchaya Phinthong
- Amalia Pica
- Rita Ponce de León
- The Propeller Group
- Public Movement
- Gabriel Sierra
- Rayyane Tabet
- Slavs and Tatars
- Pilvi Takala
- Mariana Telleria
- Wu Tsang
- José Antonio Vega Macotella
- Adrián Villar Rojas
- Danh Võ
- Kemang Wa Lehulere
- Lynette Yiadom-Boakye
- Ala Younis