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The Contemporary kicks off *CoHosts*, its 2014 Speaker Series, with Coco Fusco and Guest Spot at the Baltimore School for the Arts.

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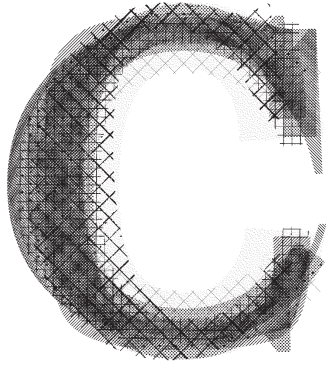
Baltimore, MD - The Contemporary is pleased to announce that its inaugural 2014 lecture series; *CoHosts* will be kicked off with New York based interdisciplinary artist Coco Fusco on Monday, January 13th. *CoHosts*, will be presented at the Baltimore School for the Arts and is cohosted with Guest Spot Gallery. The lecture will take place in the William Donald Schafer Ballroom with a reception in the Clair Zamoiski and Thomas H. Segal Gallery at 6pm and the lecture starting promptly at 7pm.



Each lecture for *CoHosts* is presented in partnership with thirteen local commercial, artist-run, and independent galleries. Each gallery responded to a simple question: *Who is the one artist or art professional that you want The Contemporary to bring to Baltimore?* Each gallery will cohost a residency for their selected speaker and identify local artists for their respective studio visits.

The Contemporary believes that visiting artists play an important role in public understanding and education of contemporary art. Our annual Speaker Series brings internationally-recognized artists, critics, and art professionals to Baltimore to share their practices and inspire, awe, and challenge our home audience. In the spirit of furthering contemporary art dialogue, each speaker also conducts studio visits with local artists.

Coco Fusco is a New York-based interdisciplinary artist and writer. She has performed, lectured, exhibited and curated around the world since 1988. She is a recipient of a 2013 Guggenheim Fellowship, a 2013 Fulbright Fellowship, a 2012 US Artists Fellowship and a 2003 Herb Alpert Award in the Arts. Fusco's performances and videos have been presented in two Whitney Biennials (2008 and 1993), BAM's Next Wave Festival, the Sydney Biennale, The Johannesburg Biennial, The Kwangju Biennale, The Shanghai Biennale, InSite 05, Mercosul, Transmediale, The London International Theatre Festival, VideoBrasil and Performa05. Her works have also been shown at the Tate Liverpool, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Barcelona. She is represented by Alexander Gray Associates in New York.



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Guest Spot is an independently run artist exhibition space in Baltimore, MD. The unique curatorial program focuses on ideas surrounding impermanence and liminal context within a home dwelling. Artists and curators have the opportunity to install work in a mixed use space, thus challenging the singularity of commercial space and exploring the delicate relationship between space and purpose. Invited non-local artists and curators are welcome to stay as a guest during installation, providing opportunities for exchange with the local scene. Guest Spot is located at 1715 N. Calvert Street and is directed by Rod Malin. The gallery is open Saturday from 1pm-4pm and Wednesday from 5pm-7pm and by appointment.

Participating Galleries

Area 405 (area405.com)
Current Space (currentspace.com)
Galerie Myrtis (galeriemyrtis.net)
Gallery CA (galleryca.org)
Gallery Four (galleryfour.net)
Guest Spot (guestspot.org)
ICA Baltimore (icabaltimore.org)
John Fonda Gallery (thejohnfondagallery.tumblr.com)
Lease Agreement (leaseagreementbaltimore.blogspot.com)
Nudashank (nudashank.com)
Open Space (openspacebaltimore.com)
Pinebox Art Center (pineboxartcenter.com)
Springsteen Gallery (springsteengallery.com)

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