



The Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) announces artist **Maria Fernanda Cardoso** as guest curator of the next MCA ARTBAR driven by Audi on Friday 26 July 2013.

For this fourteenth edition of ARTBAR **Maria Fernanda Cardoso** invites attendees to spend the night as Mother Nature intended, by leaving inhibitions at the Museum door and embracing the artist's nominated theme of *Sex Everywhere**.

The MCA transforms into Fernanda Cardoso's Museum of Copulatory Organs (MoCO) – an installation celebrating the diversity and complexity in genitalic structures across the animal kingdom, first shown at the 18th Biennale of Sydney in 2012.

Guests can experience an arousing exploration into the urban ecosystem of animal and plant reproduction carried throughout the Museum. Other opportunities include the chance to undress a flower, view Jurgen Otto's footage of the mating dances of male Peacock Spiders or respond to the calls of the wild with Gary Warner's soundscape of mating calls. There is a Camera Lucida Workshop by Queensland Museum's Geoff Thompson and 3D model printing of reproductive morphologies with Andrew Simpson from Vert Designs. Clare Grant and Nikki Haywood read excerpts from an animal sex advice column and Ruark Lewis performs sexy science word plays. Throughout the evening guests are treated to tropical Latin beats by DJ Raul Pa Nui and DJ Señor Bambú.

For visitors who like to watch there are X-rated screenings of snails mating, penis fencing and shark threesomes hand-picked by Fernanda Cardoso.

Believe it or not, MCA ARTBAR driven by Audi.

**sex is prohibited in the Museum*

\$20/\$15 MCA Members and Concessions in advance (*booking fees apply*)

\$25 at the door (*subject to availability*)

Over 18s only.

Friday 26 July, 7.00–11.00 pm

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Maria Fernanda Cardoso is a leading Latin American and Australian artist who lives and works in Sydney. She graduated with an MFA in Sculpture from Yale University, USA in 1990. She has exhibited in over 25 countries worldwide in institutions as prestigious as NY MoMA, the New Museum of Contemporary Art and PS1 in New York, the San Francisco Exploratorium, the Centre Pompidou in Paris, Fundacion La Caixa in Barcelona, the Centro Reina Sofia in Madrid. mariafernandacardoso.com

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