

Chicago Cultural Center art exhibit goes beyond ordinary



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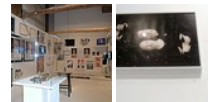


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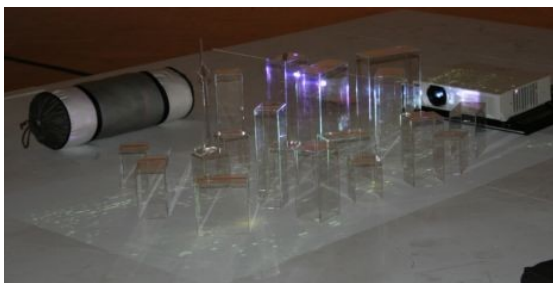
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Instead of walking by the Chicago Cultural Center on the way to visit the Art Institute of Chicago, stop in before the end of October. **“Industry of the Ordinary: Sic Transit Gloria Mundi,”** a retrospective of artists Adam Brooks and Mathew Wilson in the Cultural Center’s fourth floor Exhibit Hall, is interesting enough by itself and stays up through Feb. 17, 2013.

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However, the exhibit features a platform piece that changes every six week. The current one, **“Morehshin Allahyari: The Romantic Self-Exiles,”** put up Sept. 26 and ending Oct. 31, is a multi-media installation that captures a dream-like picture of Iran. Be sure to sit on the platform to view the video that goes through the urban-style stacked cubes.

Allahyari, an Iranian transplant since 2007, explained the work. “With all the over layered

videos, It's hard to tell what is exactly going on, but one can see the buildings, trees, and lights of the city expanded to walls and ceiling; Like a city with citizens floating in between," she said.

As to the Brooks-Wilson retrospective, you will leave understanding that "ordinary" might be people, such as a building's workers, or objects, such as a house, that we take for granted but carry greater significance.

Step up into the space set-off as a room to see how Chicago artists view Brooks and Wilson. The works are not your typical portraits.

If near downtown Chicago on **Oct. 26**, look for Industry of the Ordinary artists as they walk with a refrigerated case carrying a bust of President Barack Obama made of butter from the Meat Packing District to the Cultural Center. The artists will be capturing people's reaction along the way.

Details: "Industry of the Ordinary," up now through Feb. 17, 2013, is free. Hours (same as for the Cultural Center) are Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 312-744-3316 and visit **Chicago Cultural Center**.

The Chicago Cultural Center is 78 E. Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60602