Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement

I love this exhibition. It reveals the "invisible population" often ignored by the media who portrays Southern California as being populated by Bay Watch bunnies. California is more like a patchwork of various ethnic groups, who to some people, do not make up the idealized view of Hollywood La La land and its surrounding area.

The site describes the exhibition as:

Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement is the largest exhibition of cutting-edge Chicano art ever presented at LACMA. Chicano art, traditionally described as work created by Americans of Mexican descent, was established as a politically and culturally inspired movement during the counterculture revolutions of the late 1960s and early 1970s. This exhibition explores the more experimental tendencies within the Chicano art movement—ones oriented less toward painting and declarative polemical assertion than toward conceptual art, performance, film, photo- and media-based art, and "stealthy" artistic interventions in urban spaces. The exhibition includes approximately 125 works in all media, including painting and sculpture as well as installation, conceptual, video, performance art, and interactive works that incorporate film, digital, and sound art. Artists featured are photographer Christina Fernandez, who documents the poetic and "phantom" in the urban landscape; Mario Ybarra Jr., who creates performances, site-specific installations and interactive works; the "intermedia synaesthesia" of the seminal conceptual art group Asco; and the New York-based artist Nicola López, who creates dramatic installations with drawings that extend from the wall into the gallery.
“The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift” – Albert Einstein

“Creativity is a type of learning process where the teacher and pupil are located in the same individual” – Arthur Koestler

“When I’m working on a problem I never think about beauty. I only think about how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong” – Buckminster Fuller

“Conditions for creativity are to be puzzled; to concentrate; to accept conflict and tension; to be born everyday; to feel a sense of self” ~ Erich Fromm

“The things we fear most in organizations – fluctuations, disturbances, imbalances – are the primary sources of creativity” ~ Margaret Wheatley

“A successful work of art is not one which resolves contradictions in a spurious harmony, but one which expresses the idea of harmony, negatively by embodying the contradictions, pure and uncompromised, in its innermost
“Odd how the creative power at once brings the whole universe to order” ~ Virginia Woolf

“All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up” ~ Pablo Picasso.

“In order to create, we draw from our inner well. The inner well, an artistic reservoir, is ideally like a well stocked fish pond………..if we don’t give some attention to upkeep, our well is apt to become depleted, stagnant, or blocked………..as artists, we must learn to be self nourishing. We must become alert enough to consciously replenish our creative resources as we draw on them – to restock the trout pond, so to speak” ~ Julia Cameron

“Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts. And never hope more than you work” ~ Rita Mae Brown

“Creativity arises out of the tension between spontaneity and limitations, the latter (like the river banks) forcing more steadily. Doubts creep in. Then one becomes resigned. Determination not to give in, and the sense of an impending shape keep one at it more than anything” ~ Rollo May

“ Genius means little more than the faculty of perceiving in an unhabitual way” ~ William James

“Imagination is the living power and prime agent of all human perception” ~ Samuel Taylor Coleridge

“Creative thinking is not a talent, it is a skill that can be learnt. It empowers people by adding strength to their natural abilities which improves teamwork, productivity and where appropriate,
"If we fail to nourish our souls, they wither, and without soul, life ceases to have meaning. The creative process shrivels in the absence of continual dialogue with the soul. And creativity is what makes life worth living" ~ Marion Woodman

“The principle of using interactivity as a creativity builder is not restricted to using computer games. Once we become fully conscious of this principle, we can find ways to become more interactive everywhere. We can make conversations with our family and friends more interactive than they once were. The more thoughtful our questions get to be, the more interactive the conversations” ~ Steve Chandler

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