

**SMC ASSOCIATES
FALL 2024 SPECIAL EVENT**



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MICHAEL MASSENBURG, AND
CASS EVERAGE**

**Converge+Vertex Artist
Roundtable Discussion**



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Join us for a roundtable discussion with some of the artists showing their works in the “Converge+Vertex: Traversing the minor gesture of timelines” exhibit in SMC’s Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery. Interdisciplinary artist and social activist Cole James – the exhibition’s curator – will be joined by artists Michael Massenburg and Cass Everage for a talk about the personal, social, and cultural influences on their art and reflected in their art. James teaches at Otis College of Art and Design and is a Somatic Abolition Communal Consultant, member of the the Collective Abayomi and the Development Team For Artist Infrastructure Initiative at Now Be Here, and a collaborator with numerous organizations on projects supporting restorative justice and environmental advocacy. Massenburg began his career at the Watts Towers Arts Center, was influenced by the artists out of the Watts Rebellion and the Los Angeles Uprising, and developed his social practice through art making, teaching, community organizing, and activism for various organizations and causes. Everage is a versatile artist and community builder who is often found coaching, producing designs for streetwear brands in Downtown Los Angeles, or exploring Black American aesthetics and sociological themes through shape, color, and material. Sponsored by the SMC Associates, SMC Art Department, SMC Communication and Media Studies Department, and SMC Design Technology Department.

Tue, November 12 | 11:15 am. | Free | Art 214

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