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### **LASM Presents Art After Hours with Artist John F. Simon, Jr.**

BATON ROUGE, LA — Join the conversation, Thursday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. as Louisiana native and international new media artist John F. Simon, Jr. discusses his unique art-making process at the Louisiana Art & Science Museum's (LASM) Art After Hours program. Tour the exhibition *Digital Paintings*, and enjoy complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres with admission: members free, students with ID \$5 and nonmembers \$7.

Replacing the canvas with the computer screen, Simon has been at the forefront of new media internationally since the 1990s. Having written his own software for the past 20 years, he is fluent in the use of the computer and in manipulating his tool's potential in imaginative and innovative ways to create visual imagery that is perpetually in motion yet non-repetitive.

Organized by LASM, *Digital Paintings: John F. Simon, Jr.* includes 39 works from 1993 through 2012, including drawings that elaborate upon his process, digital panel pieces, projections, a floor piece, and cabinet works, some weighing more than 100 lbs.

Simon lives and works in New York. Born in Shreveport in 1963, he was brought up in Alexandria, La. He has a Masters in Fine Art degree from the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan and a Masters degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis. He also holds two Bachelor's degrees from Brown University, one in fine art and the other in geology. Exhibited internationally, his work is found in prominent museum collections including the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; and the Collezione Maramotti in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

For additional information on this event, please visit [www.lasm.org](http://www.lasm.org), or contact Communications Coordinator Tara Kistler at [tkistler@lasm.org](mailto:tkistler@lasm.org).

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