

JULY 2, 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2 **OPENING:** *BETWEEN HERE AND THERE: PASSAGES IN CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY*

JULY 4 **CLOSING:** *DRAWINGS AND PRINTS: SELECTIONS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION*



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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

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Big Bambú Attracts Stephen Hawking Work Is a Must-see During His First New York Visit in Over 40 Years

In his first visit to New York since 1965, renowned Cambridge University cosmologist Stephen Hawking specifically asked to see the current Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden exhibition “Doug + Mike Starn on the Roof: *Big Bambú*.” Last month, he and an entourage met with the identical twin artists Mike and Doug Starn, as well as Met staff Anne Strauss, Associate Curator, and Marco Leona, David H. Koch Scientist in Charge, and heard their perspectives on the monumental work-in-progress. Though immobilized by ALS, Professor Hawking expressed his delight and interest in experiencing “*Big Bambú: You Can’t, You Don’t, and You Won’t Stop*” first-hand, as have over 200,000 visitors this spring and summer. During Hawking’s two-hour stay at the Museum, the group also visited the galleries of Modern and Contemporary Art, stopping to view works by Damien Hirst, Anish Kapoor, Jackson Pollock, and Jean Tinguely.

The exhibition “Doug + Mike Starn on the Roof: *Big Bambú*” is made possible by Bloomberg. Additional support is provided by Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon B. Polsky. The exhibition is also made possible in part by the Jane and Robert Carroll Fund.



Special insert: Staff Who Teach Outside the Museum