



Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Chicago | The frigid Chicago winter received a steamy addition this year with "Rainforest Adventure." Vibrant exotic animals—such as talkative birds, tiny tree frogs and coiling snakes, to name a few—thrive in this multisensory exhibit. Along with bird- and reptile-spotting, visitors can scale a 9-foot-tall kapok tree, home to many native rainforest creatures, and peer into a gorilla's nest. They can also learn about tropical rainforests by acting (and dressing) as a "research assistant" or analyzing scientists' findings with microscopes, hand lenses and other scientific tools. To May 31, 2015.

Bowdoin College Museum of Art

Brunswick, ME | As World War II cooled, the Cold War and the Space Race began to heat up. "Past Futures: Science Fiction, Space Travel, and Postwar Art of the Americas" shows how artists reacted and adapted to this quickly shifting era, in which fascinating new technologies sometimes contributed to international tensions. Representing work by both Americans and Latin Americans, the exhibition ranges from kinetic sculptures to vivid, sometimes frightening canvases—such as Raquel Forner's *Astronauta y testigos, televisados* (right), which imagines an encounter between astronauts and extraterrestrials. To June 7, 2015.



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