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This exhibition is organized by The Andy Warhol Museum, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach, VA, Offers Works by Andy Warhol

The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in Virginia Beach, VA, will unveil a pop art blockbuster, *Andy Warhol: Portraits*, featuring original works from the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, on view May 26 through Aug. 19, 2012.

This notoriously private artist is revealed in the company he keeps. Including screenprints, drawings, paintings, Polaroids, and vintage family photos, this exhibition explores the phenomenon that is Warhol's work on a deeply personal level.



Andy Warhol, *Self Portrait*, 1978. Collection of The Andy Warhol Museum. Copyright 2012 The Andy Warhol Foundation/ Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

Andy Warhol: Portraits includes more than 130 portraits produced by Warhol from the 1940s to the 1980s. This exhibition contains portraits of Warhol in his youth, a reproduction of Warhol's first celebrity autograph (from Shirley Temple

in 1941), early portrait drawings from the 1940s, samples of Warhol's commercial work from the 1950s, movie star portraits from the 1960s, and more than 100 portrait paintings from the 1970s and 1980s. The most comprehensive exhibition of portraiture by Warhol, this show debuted at the Warhol Museum in Spring 2010 and is exhibiting at MOCA for the first time in the US since then.

Celebrities including Liza Minnelli, Prince, Arnold Schwarzenegger and artist Robert Mapplethorpe are just a few of the personalities represented in the exhibition.

One section of MOCA's galleries will be devoted to the "Silver Clouds" installation, in which silver Mylar balloons float in an interactive space for visitors. This is a re-creation of a Warhol installation dating back to 1966. MOCA also plans to show some of Warhol's films in the gallery, including one of his famous "Screen Tests" and "Eat."

In the Butler Gallery, MOCA will feature an exhibition titled, *I Like Soup*, in which 46 contemporary artists from across the country have re-interpreted the iconic soup can. These items will be sold online to benefit MOCA's educational programs and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. MOCA will be collecting canned goods for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and patrons are invited to drop off items during the exhibition's run.

A Studio 54-themed celebration is scheduled to kick off the exhibition on May 25. More details will be available as the event draws near.

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A list of related programs being offered by MOCA during this exhibition can be *continued above on next column to the right*

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The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) is a non-profit institution which exists to foster awareness, exploration and understanding of significant art of our time. Through excellence and diversity in our exhibitions and educational programming, MOCA stimulates individual thinking and dialogue throughout the community.

In 1989, after nearly a decade of planning, fundraising and construction, MOCA opened in its present location. The current structure, designed by Boston architect E. Verner Johnson and Associates, is approximately 38,500 square feet and features 6,300 square feet of exhibition space.

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MOCA is located at 2200 Parks Avenue at the entrance to Interstate-264 in Virginia Beach. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 10am to 6pm; Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$7 for seniors, students and active military; MOCA members and children under the age of 4 are admitted free of charge.

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