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# Portland2014 Through LA Curator's Eyes

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OPB's State of Wonder  
Portland2014 curator Amanda Hunt

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A tilt-a-whirl tour of Western Oregon artists is on view at four venues across Portland. Disjecta, a performance space and presenter in the North end of Portland just opened a biennial project. The past two biennials have asked a regional curator to think about what's going on around the region, and reflect it back. This time, Disjecta asked for a fresh set of eyes.



Devon Van Houten-Maldonado (left) and Modou Dieng (right) were one of Hunt's picks. Their huge canvas is one of the centerpieces of the show.

Amanda Hunt is curator at Large at LAXART, a progressive presenting space in Los Angeles. She was tasked with choosing 15 artists for the show. She's spent months doing studio visits with Oregon artists, reviewing over 300 applications, and more to get to know this place and its makers.



Christopher Michlig and John Zerzan collaborated on a series of cube-shaped structures, bearing text curated by Zerzan. Their work explores an ambivalence toward civilization and technology.

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We talked with Hunt about her process, and about three of the 15 creative teams she selected, out of 300 applicants. We also talked to some of the artists about how they approached the challenge.

- Modou Dieng and Devon Van Houten-Maldonado
- Christopher Michlig & John Zerzan
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