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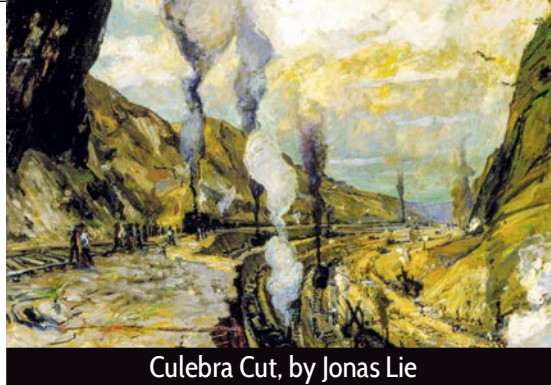
"For more than 160 years, Wells Fargo has linked east to west. We are proud to support an exhibition that focuses on the Panama Canal, one of history's greatest feats of engineering and, like Wells Fargo, an American success story that has connected the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for over a century."  
— **Jay Everette**, Community Affairs Manager

## Catalyzing creation

To heighten the celebration of the centennial, the Mint commissioned new works of art. Stuhlman chose two men working in two mediums, one a writer and the other a visual artist, and asked that their final products reflect the history of the Panama Canal.

*New York Times*-bestselling author Anthony Doerr wrote the short story *The Fever Dreams of William Crawford Gorgas* when prompted by Stuhlman to reflect on the canal. The narrative focuses on an American doctor who travels to Panama to fight yellow fever and malaria. "Colonel Gorgas made me think more deeply about the canal in a thousand ways," Doerr said. "His is a story about seeing things that everyone else misses; a story about fear of change, and fear of disease; and a story about science prevailing over superstition. Without Gorgas, the mosquito—a little insect no larger than a fingernail—was going to derail the most massive engineering project in the world."

Meanwhile, internationally-renowned contemporary artist Mel Chin is creating an installation titled *SEA to SEE*. The work will allow visitors to pass



Culebra Cut, by Jonas Lie

between two plate-glass hemispheres that represent the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, just as freight passes through the Panama Canal. Two reverse-projected films will bring to life imagery based on the oceans' historical data, prompting visitors to consider the historical and current states of the oceans that flank the canal. "*SEA to SEE* will put the viewer in the position of the canal itself," Chin said, "between the two oceans, viewing a unique film portrait of each ocean. I hope the work will encourage the audience to become curious enough to become a vessel that seeks to hold information about the complexities of the oceans and our connections to them."

## A sampling of exhibition events

■ **Lecture by Jon Stuhlman, titled "Looking Out From the Big Ditch: What Panama Meant to Alson Skinner Clark, Jonas Lie and Joseph Pennell."** November 2, 3 p.m.

■ **A Train to Somewhere: All Aboard the Giving Train**

Participants will start in the exhibition *Panama Canal at 100*, travel to the Mint's permanent gallery devoted to the works of Romare Bearden, and share in a 'train ride' of culture and diversity through visual and performing art by local artists. Guests will be asked to give the gift of a one-year Mint student membership to a Ranson Middle and Project L.I.F.T. school student and/or a poetry or chapter book. December 10, 6:30p.m.-8p.m.

■ **Travels Through Latin**

**America With Music** Performances by Ana Lucia Divins and Carlos Crespo. January 18, 3p.m.-4 p.m.

■ **Spotlight Tours:**

**Panama Canal at 100**

Select Wednesdays, 2p.m. and 6:30p.m.

Join Mint docents and educators for 15-minute talks about specific works of art in the exhibition.

Images of South America, November 19

Images of Industry, December 10

Images of South America, January 28

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