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Comings and Goings- José Roca

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José Roca, a curator and critic based in Bogotá, Colombia, has been named artistic director of Philagrafika 2010, the inaugural edition of the print quadrennial set to take place in Philadelphia from January to April 2010. Mr Roca was part of the curatorial team of the 2006 São Paulo Biennial and co-curated the 2004 Trienal Poli/Gráfica de San Juan in Puerto Rico. He won a competition to direct the festival with a proposal to assemble curators from the city's arts institutions to collaborate on international loan exhibitions. He says he will use the city's arts venues "as if they were part of a single cultural centre. We want to expand on the narrow understanding of the print as such, and think of it rather as a practice that has ramifications into more traditional media," he says. Mr Roca attended the Whitney Museum's Independent Study Programme and has curated shows at the Bronx Museum in New York and the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia.

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