

# ART

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**FREE** Tom Bendtsen/Simone Jones. Two artists with dreams of transcendence have been paired for this engaging summer show. *Argument #6* by Bendtsen is a stepped spiral Tower of Babel ascending high into the light well of the Koffler Gallery. Made from 7,000 books stacked, spines out, it's a core sample of Western ideas, aspirations and fantasies. Jones also wants to rise above things through her two *Mobility Machines*. She achieves liftoff with 14-foot wooden wings (on display). Strapped into the apparatus, which resembles boxy dragon-fly wings, she propels herself, ostensibly, by breathing through a tube. In an accompanying video projection, we see Jones in her wings appearing to levitate; it also documents the artist effectively walking on water (i.e., with the aid of her water mobility device, pontoon stilts with paddles). To Aug. 19. *Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-636-1880, ext. 268.*