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New Exhibition Opening with a Free Family Day

The Hilliard Museum announces the opening of “*Lin Emery: A Movement, 1957-2017*” and *Play Day: Music and Movement for Saturday, October 7*.

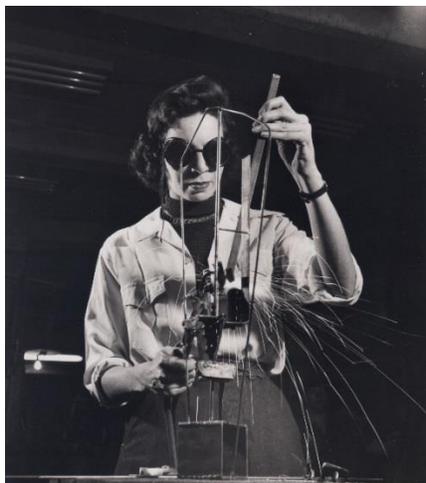


Image Credit Left: Lin Emery welding at the New York Sculpture Center, circa 1954. Photo courtesy the artist and Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans.

Lafayette, LA - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community to experience a day of Music and Movement on Saturday, October 7 in conjunction with the Festival Acadiens et Créoles instrument exhibition. This special free admission day combines the museum’s seasonal Play Day with the opening of the exhibition *Lin Emery: A Movement, 1957-2017*, highlighting the longstanding innovative practice of this New Orleans based artist. It features more than a dozen examples of her work and includes eight wind-powered kinetic sculptures. In addition to recent pieces in aluminum that are inspired by nature, the exhibition showcases Emery’s paper maquettes for selected large-scale public art commissions, as well as early bronze static pieces. During the run of this exhibition, Emery’s work and pictures of her studio will also be on view in an adjoining gallery featuring *Tina Freeman: Artist Spaces*. Upon request, press and media kits are available that include high-resolution images, a full biography and selected literature on the artist.

In addition to Emery’s exhibition, Play Day will feature community partners around the theme of music and movement. Anya Burgess, one of the curators behind *Crafting the South Louisiana Sound* will demonstrate violin making techniques. Then head over to the instrument petting zoo with the Acadiana Symphony and test them out yourself! Enjoy a special kinetic art activity with The Little Paintbrush, explore the exhibitions with our gallery maps, play lawn games, and dance it out with Basin Arts. Local illustrator and children’s book author Denise Gallagher will host a story time featuring her new book “A Tip Tap Tale”! Visitors can also take part in the creation of an animated film with UL Lafayette College of Arts Professors Yeon Choi and Jimmy Tancill: act or help with set design; watch them edit the stop-motion animation and learn about the creation process. Afterwards, join us for a screening of the final product to close out Play Day at 1:45 pm. The museum will also publish the film to its YouTube channel and social media networks after the event. Acadiana Open Channel’s Radical Reporters group will be on hand with iPad animation stands so children can make their own film! Play Day offers free admission to the community three times a year as a part of the museum’s education initiative.

Food trucks (Rice Kings & Carpe Diem) will be at the museum for visitors to purchase food and beverages. While you are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and chairs to relax on the museum's great lawn, we ask that you please leave your ice chests at home.

Schedule of Events:

10:00-2:00 – (all day) Gallery Activities, Lawn Games, Kinetic Art Projects with The Little Paintbrush, and Musical Instrument Petting Zoo with Acadiana Symphony.

10:00-1:45 – Animation Stations with UL Lafayette Professors & Acadiana Open Channel

10:30 – Family Dance Class with Basin Arts

11:30-12:30 – Instrument Demonstration by Anya with SOLA Violins

12:30 – Story Time of "A Tip Tap Tale" with Denise Gallagher

1:45 – Film screening of animation project created in the morning!

2:00 – Play Day officially ends but the galleries will stay open until 5 PM.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard University Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. Guided tours of the galleries are available Friday & Saturday at 2 PM, complimentary with admission. For general information, please visit hilliardmuseum.org or call (337) 482-2278.

Current Exhibitions

October 7, 2017 – January 27, 2018. *Lin Emery: A Movement, 1957-2017*.

September 8, 2017 – May 5, 2018. *Tina Freeman: Artist Spaces*, organized by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, guest curated by Bradley Sumrall.

September 8, 2017 – October 15, 2017. *Crafting the South Louisiana Sound*, curated by Anya Burgess and Chris Segura. Presented in partnership with Festivals Acadiens et Créoles and the Center for Louisiana Studies.

September 8, 2017 – January 20, 2018. *William Kentridge: Journey to the Moon*.

May 19, 2017 – December 9, 2017. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy*.

About the Hilliard

The Hilliard University Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwest Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection, and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus, and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time, while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.