

PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum
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Hays Town Home Tours in Lafayette on July 14

Experience a day filled with the iconic Louisiana Architecture style of A. Hays Town, presented by the Hilliard Museum and the Louisiana Architecture Foundation.

Saturday, July 14
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

\$45 | VIP Package
\$25 | Advance Ticket Sales
\$30 | Day of Ticket Sales



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Lafayette, LA, May 31, 2018- As a part of the Hilliard Museum's 50th anniversary celebration, home tours will be held across South Louisiana in honor of Louisiana's Architect – A. Hays Town. In Lafayette, the doors to residential properties and public buildings will be open for people to enjoy Town's iconic designs, drawing upon French, Spanish, and Caribbean building techniques and details that are now considered design staples in Louisiana. The tour includes four private homes, the A. Hays Town Building at the Hilliard Museum, the UL Alumni Center (the Heymann House), and the Church of the Ascension.

The tours are presented alongside the exhibition *A. Hays Town and the Architectural Image of Louisiana* as the museum prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Art Center for Southwestern Louisiana which was built by Hays Town. Another exhibition called *Your Town* will be presented in the original museum, showcasing the institution's history through articles written by The Daily Advertiser. It will also include a special community generated exhibition featuring stories and photographs from the community as we look back on 50 years of art in Acadiana.

Guests who purchase tour tickets will also receive complimentary admission to the museum to enjoy guided tours of the exhibition *A. Hays Town and the Architectural Image of Louisiana*. Ticket holders will also receive additional perks throughout the day at local businesses. Renaissance Market, located in the Oil Center and built by Hays Town, will offer guests a complimentary glass of prosecco to enjoy while they shop or have lunch. Their home décor selection will allow you to bring a touch of A. Hays Town into your own home. Blue Dog Café will supply bites to showcase their new menu at each home.

"We're thrilled to collaborate with the Hilliard Museum and celebrate Hays Town's legacy and landmarks in Lafayette," says the Foundation's executive director Stacey Pfingsten. "He was a Louisiana legend whose work is universally appreciated; we're happy to jointly facilitate these tours and make Town's work more accessible to the public." The museum and the foundation are also organizing

Hays Town Home Tours in Baton Rouge (Sunday, October 21) and in New Iberia (Date TBD).

Tickets are available for purchase through bontempstix.com for \$25 per person. VIP Packages are also available (limited quantities) for \$45 and gives access to a private champagne reception at The Bouligny Home from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

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Summer Exhibitions at the Hilliard University Art Museum

June 15, 2018 – December 29, 2018. *A. Hays Town and the Architectural Image of Louisiana*

June 8, 2018 – January 18, 2019. *Salvador Dalí's Stairway to Heaven*

May 19, 2018 – August 15, 2018. *Marina Zurkow: Mesocosm (Wink, TX)*

May 19, 2017 – July 28, 2018. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy*

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.

About the Hilliard Museum

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 Southwestern 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.

About the Louisiana Architecture Foundation

Established in 1996, the Louisiana Architecture Foundation is a non-profit organization that seeks to engage, educate and promote on behalf of Louisiana's architects and architecture. The organization is responsible for a number of statewide architectural tours, an annual architecture film festival, and educational seminars for various audiences, ranging from professional architects to the general public. www.louisianaarchitecture.org

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