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Hilliard University Art Museum

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Experience the Arts through the Power of Your Library Card

Community may now check out free museum passes through library system.



Lafayette, LA, May 21, 2018- The Hilliard University Art Museum and the Lafayette Public Library System are thrilled to announce a partnership that allows members of the community to check out free family admission passes. Passes are available for check out at all nine branches within the library system. It will be good for one week and provide access for a household to enjoy all that the museum has to offer. Library patrons may place a hold on a pass by calling their local branch or by asking the circulation desk when visiting a library location. Families using the library pass will also have an opportunity to field test the museum's new family bags that contain games and activities as prompts for exploring the galleries.

The two entities have similar missions that ultimately focus on providing life-long learning opportunities for the people of Lafayette Parish. "This partnership comes at a fortunate time since the library is about to begin our Summer Reading Program", states Amy Wander, Outreach Librarian. "The community is encouraged to participate by logging the books they read this summer and completing challenges, such as attending a live music event, listening to a podcast or, in this case, visiting a museum. The various challenges encourage library patrons to learn new things and explore the community."

Jolie Johnson, the museum's marketing manager stated that this program directly aligns with the museum's mission and vision. "One of the museum's major goals is to increase accessibility of our galleries and services. This partnership allows us to reach an audience that may not visit the museum otherwise. It removes the barrier of cost and provides visitors with activities to explore and talk with one another about art. Sometimes people feel they don't belong here because they don't understand art. But we truly believe there is no wrong way to interpret a piece. Our experiences, backgrounds, and interests influence the way we perceive the world; it's the same for viewing art."

The museum passes are currently available for anyone with a valid Lafayette Public Library card to check out from one of their nine library locations. The pass will be good for one week.

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 Lafayette Public Library System

The mission of Lafayette Public Library is to enhance the quality of life of our community by providing free and equal access to high-quality, cost-effective library services that meet the needs and expectations of our diverse community for information, life-long learning, recreation, and cultural enrichment. The Lafayette Public Library System comprises nine locations throughout Lafayette Parish. For upcoming programs and library information, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or call 337-261-5787.

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