

## PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum  
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### **Raise Our Voices Spoken Word Workshops**

*The Hilliard University Art Museum is partnering with the Harambee Event Center and the Lafayette Public Library to host a series of community spoken word workshops*



# SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOPS

**RAISE YOUR VOICE! RESPOND TO  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INCARCERATION,  
AND THE MODERN PRISON SYSTEM.**

**Lafayette, LA** - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community to raise their voices and respond to and reflect on themes of criminal justice, incarceration and the modern prison system in a series of spoken word workshops.

Artist and poet Alex "PoeticSoul" Johnson will host a series of free spoken-word workshops in Spring 2019 as preparation for a performance held in conjunction with the exhibition, "Slavery, the Prison Industrial Complex: Photographs by Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick" at the Hilliard University Art Museum. Bus transportation will be provided free of charge to community members interested in participating in these workshops and performances.

These workshops are free, and open to the public, and are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the Regional Arts Council. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The museum would like to thank those who graciously donated to our crowd funding campaign to support Raise Our Voices. There's still time to contribute to this cause by visiting <https://www.ullafayettefoundation.org/raiseourvoices>



## **Schedule of Events**

### **Community Workshops**

February 20 | 6:00 - 8:00PM  
Hilliard University Art Museum  
710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, Lafayette

Bus Schedule | 5:30PM Pick Up at Harambee Event Center, Return at 8:00PM

February 27 | 6:30 - 8:00PM  
Harambee Event Center  
211 East Willow Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule | 6:00PM Pick Up at Hilliard University Art Museum, Return at 8:00PM

March 13 | 6:30 - 8:00PM  
Harambee Event Center  
211 East Willow Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule | 6:00PM Pick Up at Hilliard University Art Museum, Return at 8:00PM

March 23 | 10:30AM - 12:30PM  
Lafayette Public Library - South  
6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule | 10:00AM Pick Up at Harambee Event Center, Return at 12:30PM

March 27 | 6:30 - 8:00PM  
Harambee Event Center  
211 East Willow Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule | 6:00PM Pick Up at Hilliard University Art Museum, Return at 8:00PM

April 3 | 6:30 - 8:00PM  
Harambee Event Center  
211 East Willow Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule I 6:00PM Pick Up at Hilliard University Art Museum, Return at 8:00PM

### **Performances**

April 17 | 6:00 - 7:30  
Hilliard University Art Museum  
710 East Saint Mary Boulevard

Bus Schedule I 5:30PM Pick Up at Harambee Event Center, Return at 7:30PM

April 20 | 7:00 - 8:30PM  
Harambee Event Center  
211 East Willow Street

Bus Schedule I 6:30PM Pick Up at Hilliard University Art Museum, Return at 8:30PM

April 23 | 6 - 7:30PM  
Lafayette Public Library - South  
6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette

Bus Schedule I 5:30PM Pick Up at Harambee Event Center, Return at 7:30PM

### **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. For general information, please visit [hilliardmuseum.org](http://hilliardmuseum.org) or call (337) 482-2278.

### **Current Exhibitions**

January 18, 2019 – August 24, 2019. *Gisela Colon: Pods*

February 8, 2019 – April 27, 2019. *Daniel Canogar: Echo*

February 8, 2019 – May 18, 2019. *Slavery, The Prison Industrial Complex: Photographs by Keith Calhoun and Chandra McCormick*. Organized by the Frist Museum, Nashville, TN.

August 10, 2018 – March 2, 2019. *Spotlight on Allan Jones*.

December 21, 2018 – March 15, 2019. *Shadows on the Teche: Plein Air*

November 9, 2018 – May 4, 2019. *Spotlight on the Collection: Henry Botkin.*

**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.

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