

PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum
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Wednesday, September 7, 2016 Fall Program Season

Featuring artists Douglas Bourgeois, Jonathan Traviesa, Philip Gould, John “Pudd” Sharp, poet Jarita Davis and countless other Louisiana artists.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Francie Bishop Good. *Comus*, 2015-2016.
Courtesy the artist and David Castillo Gallery, Miami

Lafayette, LA, September 7, 2016- The Hilliard University Art Museum is kicking off its fall season of exhibitions with a slate of free programs for all ages to enjoy. Many of the artists represented in our seasonal exhibitions, both local and nationally, are scheduled to give artist talks, film screenings, readings, slide presentations, followed by Q&A sessions throughout the upcoming months. Museum members as well as UL students, faculty, and staff receive free admission to the museum year round with proper identification. The museum also hosts free guided tours every Friday and Saturday afternoon at 2 pm after the cost of admission.

Wednesday, September 7

6:00 – 8:00 PM

“Behind the Scenes” Artist Talks with Oliver Wasow and Francie Bishop Good

Learn more about the practices of these two artists, and how their new solo exhibitions originated at the Hilliard Museum. Includes a two slideshow presentations, in addition to sneak-peek tours of Francie Bishop Good: *Comus* and Oliver Wasow: *Hudson Valley Studio Portraits*.

Friday, September 9

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Fall Season Opening Reception

Join us in celebration of five new exhibitions! Drinks and light refreshments generously provided by Bon Temps Grill and Donner-Peltier Distillers.

Wednesday, September 14

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Curator's Tour with Laura Blereau

An informative walk-through of the fall exhibitions with the museum's new curator, followed by Q&A.

Saturday, September 24

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Store Showcase with Harley London

An afternoon of shopping featuring Harley London – a New Orleans artist using reclaimed wood in her handcrafted products and accessories. Harley London enjoys creating sustainable, great products but not at the expense of the planet.

Wednesday September 28

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Louisiana Dance Halls Panel Discussion, moderated by Herman Fuselier with photographer Philip Gould, filmmaker John “Pudd” Sharp, and special guests

Learn more about the research behind our exhibition *Cajun Dance Halls and Zydeco Clubs: Then and Now*. This event will offer a preview of the new UL Press publication “Ghosts of Good Times: Louisiana Dance Halls Past and Present,” and is presented in partnership with the Festivals Acadiens et Créoles and the Center for Louisiana Studies.

Saturday, October 8

11:00 – 4:00 PM

Play Day: Portraiture

Join us for our inaugural Play Day event! Explore the museum with a new gallery guide for all ages to enjoy. Also featuring Olympic Grove lawn games, art activities with The Little Paintbrush, Mitch the Strolling Magician, and story time featuring children’s book author Paul Schexnayder and illustrator Mary Clements.

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Collection Spotlight Talk with Curator Stacey Wilson

The fashion and cultural history of tignon headwraps are explored in this unique demonstration by a UL alum who now works for the Louisiana State Museum. This talk closely examines social constructions of beauty, as well as the compelling sitter in Adolph Rinck’s 1844 portrait painting “Woman in Tignon (Marie Laveau, Voodoo Queen)”. Includes a brief tour of *Spotlight on the Collection: Portraiture*.

Wednesday, October 19

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Artist Talk with Photographer Jonathan Traviesa

Explore the lens of a New Orleans visual anthropologist whose images have been recognized by the Michael P. Smith award for documentary photography, as well as a grant from the Joan Mitchell Foundation. Includes a slideshow and brief tour of Traviesa’s work in *Face to Face*.

Wednesday, October 26

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Artist Talk with Gina Phillips

Learn more about the threaded and sewn processes behind this artist’s crafty installations and portraits - as well as hear anecdotes about the individual sitters. Includes a slideshow and brief tour of Phillips’ work in *Face to Face*.

Wednesday, November 2

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Poetry Reading by Jarita Davis

Join us for a reading by a UL alum and fiction writer who has recently published a critically-acclaimed book of poetry, “Return Flight.” This event is presented in partnership with the Ernest J. Gaines Center.

Wednesday, November 9

6:00 – 8:00 PM

One Acadiana Business Spotlight

Unwind with us in a fun evening of live music and mingling with local entrepreneurs. Musical guest TBA.

Saturday, November 12

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Artist Talk with painter Douglas Bourgeois

Explore the meticulously detailed practice of an artist who “psychically inhabits a lush frontier where American pop culture bumps against bayou country and ancient mythology” (Bookhardt, 2009). Includes a tour of Bourgeois’ work in *Face to Face*.

Wednesday, November 16

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Artist Talk with Painter and Sculptor Willie Birch

Join us for inspiring end-of-the-semester presentation by an artist who was named a 2014 USA James Baldwin Fellow, in addition to his past achievements including a NEA Visual Arts Fellowship, John Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, Pollock Krasner Foundation Award, and Cue Art Foundation Fellowship. Includes a slideshow and tour of Birch's work in *Face to Face*.

Upon request, high-resolution images & biographies are available. Interviews may also be arranged.

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

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.

Concurrent Exhibitions

Face to Face: A Survey of Contemporary Portraiture by Louisiana Artists
September 9, 2016 – January 7, 2017

Oliver Wasow: Hudson Valley Studio Portraits
September 2, 2016 – January 14, 2017

Francie Bishop Good: Comus
September 9, 2016 - December 10, 2016

Spotlight on the Collection: Portraiture
August 5, 2016 - December 3, 2016

Cajun Dance Halls and Zydeco Clubs: Then and Now
September 9, 2016 – October 16, 2016