

# PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum

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**Saturday, July 15, 2017**  
**Play Day: The Art of Recycling**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Featuring recycled art projects, polar freeze activities, lawn games, a parade and more!

**Free and open to the public**

**Lafayette, LA** - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community for its seasonal play day event to learn more about the art of recycling! Families and friends can explore the museum's galleries together through different forms of activities, games, and hands-on art projects using recycled and found objects. Play Day offers free admission to the community three times a year as a part of the museum's education initiative.

Visitors will enjoy learning more about how they can be better stewards of the environment while encouraging families to use items around their home to create art. The museum's summer Artist-in-Residence, Amie Rogers, will lead an art activity inspired by the exhibition *Spiritual Journeys: Homemade Art from the Becky and Wyatt Collins Collection* that incorporates found and recycled objects. Andy Hebert will lead children in his signature Polar Freeze game that encourages participants to take a trip to the North Pole by climbing the "Latitude Ladder." They will compete to be the last one who is unfrozen winning the coveted Polar Cap to wear for the day. Visitors can tour the new summer exhibitions with gallery guides and maps meant to engage children and adults alike. Visitors are invited to bring an old t-shirt to the event to turn into a reusable bag with No Waste Louisiana. The museum would also like to ask the public to consider donating extra shirts for those who may not be able to bring one.

Partnering environmental organizations will also have educational displays and demonstrations. The recycled fun continues with a community art parade project extending from a partnership with Festival International de Louisiane and Acadiana Center for the Arts. Visitors will continue to create large heads and noise makers during the event that will conclude with an art parade around the plaza. Olivia Morgan, the museum's educator, believes that these partnerships in addition to seasonal Play Days are integral to the museum's mission of education by making hands-on art opportunities accessible to the Acadiana community.

Food trucks (Olympic Grove & Kona Ice) 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.

## **Acknowledgments**

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### **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](http://hilliardmuseum.org) or call (337) 482-2278.

### **Current Exhibitions at the Hilliard University Art Museum**

May 27 – August 12, 2017. *Pierre Bonnard: Landscapes from Le Cannet*, guest curated by Véronique Serrano, director of the Musée Bonnard

February 3 – August 12, 2017. *Spiritual Journeys: Homemade Art from the Becky and Wyatt Collins Collection*, guest curated by Gus Kopriva

May 23 – September 16, 2017. *CONTINGENT: drawing and sculpture by Joan Tanner*, guest curated by Julien Robson

May 19 – December 9, 2017. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy*, organized by the Hilliard University Art Museum

### **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.