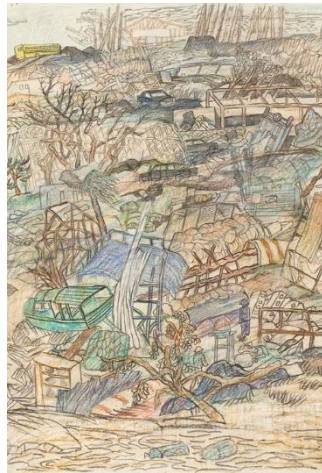


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L to R: (1) George Williams. *Untitled (Statue of Liberty)*, date unknown. Wood carving, paint. (2) Yun-Fei Ji. *The Wreckage*, 2008. Courtesy of James Cohan, New York. Photo by Max Yawney. (3) Sandra Eula Lee. *Make of / Make do*, 2016. Reed, bamboo, work gloves, electrical cords, plastic bags, construction mesh, tarp. (4) Shawne Major. *Nadir*, 2011. Mixed media. Photo by Shawne Major.

Spring 2017 Programming Season Opening Reception 6:00-8:00 PM

Hilliard Museum to kick off its spring programs that explore "The Politics of Place."

All programs are free and open to the public

Lafayette, LA, January 9, 2017- The Hilliard University Art Museum is pleased to announce its line-up of diverse programming that will occur throughout the spring in support of the season's four new exhibitions, featuring artist talks, film screenings, and concerts with Tina Freeman, Shawne Major, Zack Godshall, the UL School of Music, and many others. The museum will continue to offer its regularly scheduled programs: Yoga in the Galleries on the second Saturday of every month at 11 AM, Toddler Time on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 AM, and free guided tours every Friday and Saturday at 2 PM.

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Mapping the Spirit of Place

featuring Paddy Bowman of Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education

Wednesday, January 25

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Museum Volunteer Recruitment Night & Social

Wednesday, January 25
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Film Screening and Q&A: “God’s Architects”

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 1
5:30 – 7:00 PM
Artist Talks with Sandra Eula Lee and Yun-Fei Ji

Friday, February 3
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Spring Season Opening Reception

Saturday, February 4
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Gallery Tour with Becky and Wyatt Collins

Wednesday, February 8
6:00 – 8:00 PM
A Conversation and Book Signing with John R. Kemp

Saturday, February 10
10:00 – 2:00 PM
Play Day: Spring Festival

Wednesday, February 15
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Hallelujah! Gospel Night at the Museum

Wednesday, February 22
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Artist Talk with Tina Freeman: Lamentations
supported by the Friends of Humanities

MARCH

Wednesday, March 8
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Artist Talk with Shawne Major

Friday, March 10
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Monet: Method and Meaning
featuring scholar Paul Hayes Tucker

Wednesday, March 15
6:00 – 8:00 PM
International Film Night at the Museum

Wednesday, March 22
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Film Screening and Q&A: “!Women Art Revolution”

Wednesday, March 29
6:00 – 8:00 PM

The Art of the Blues
featuring the UL School of Music

APRIL

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Book Signing and Gallery Tour with Dr. Christopher Bennett

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 – 8:00 PM

“Politics of Place” Panel Discussion

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Guided Tour of Spring Exhibitions

Upon request, high-resolution images, program descriptions, and artist biographies are available. Interviews may also be arranged.

Acknowledgements

The museum wishes to express gratitude for the support and partnerships that have made this season of exhibitions possible: The Hilliard Society, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the UL Foundation, the Friends of the Humanities, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Bon Temps Grill, and Republic National Distributing Company as well as our friends and members.

Concurrent Exhibitions at the Hilliard University Art Museum

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

February 3 – May 6, 2017. Yun-Fei Ji: Looking for Lehman Brothers, guest curated by Dr. Christopher Bennett, UL Lafayette Art History professor in the Department of Visual Arts.

December 27, 2016 – May 6, 2017. Sandra Eula Lee: Make of / Make do, guest curated by Dr. Christopher Bennett, UL Lafayette Art History professor in the Department of Visual Arts.

December 9 – May 13, 2017. Spotlight on Shawne Major.

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.

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