

## Creative Conversations at the Hilliard Great Art. Good Company

*The Hilliard Museum announces its fall 2018 line-up of artist talks, film screenings, and more.*



**Lafayette, LA, August 3, 2018-** The Hilliard University Art Museum is pleased to announce its Creative Conversations programming series for the fall semester, scheduled to kick off on Wednesday, August 22 with an evening for educators across the community, followed by a live concert featuring musician Ray Theaux and his Caribbean Brass stylings.

During the fall and spring semesters, the museum features a weekly program, beginning at 6 pm, which are complementary to the current season of exhibitions and provide a cross-disciplinary approach to learning. Every Wednesday night, the museum offers free admission from 5-8 pm in an attempt to provide increased access to the arts for the people of Acadiana. This series brings in artists, curators, scholars, and performers and provides a space where the community can come together to learn from experts but more importantly to talk with one another.

In addition to the weekly Creative Conversations programs, the museum will continue to host monthly Toddler Times and Yoga in the Galleries classes that are free to enjoy. Toddler Time is on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 AM where families can enjoy song and finger play, story time, hands-on art activities, and free play. Toddler Time is sponsored in part by Quest Pediatrics, and families are required to sign-up for the program ahead of time. Yoga in the Galleries is on the second Saturday of every month at 11 AM and is led by a local certified yoga instructor in one of the museum's exhibition spaces. Yoga in the Galleries is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

### Program Descriptions

#### Educator's Night

**Wednesday, August 22nd | 4:00 – 6:00PM**

The museum invites educators to spend a fun and relaxing evening at the museum. Learn about current and upcoming exhibitions, field trip opportunities, and the museum's educational resources

### **Live Music with Caribbean Brass**

**Wednesday, August 22nd | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

The Hilliard Museum kicks off our Fall Creative Conversations with a performance by musician Ray Theaux, and a video presentation on the history of the Steel Pan and its global influence and impact on music.

### **College of the Arts Welcome Back Social**

**Wednesday, August 29th | 5:00 – 6:00PM**

Students in the College of the Arts are invited to a special Welcome Back Pizza Party at the Hilliard Museum

### **Artist Talk with Rob Guillory**

**Wednesday, August 29th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Lafayette based comic artist Rob Guillory will discuss his up and coming comic book and graphic novel projects. Guillory is an Eisner and Harvey Award-winning artist best known for his work on Image Comics' CHEW.

### **Salvador Dalí, Surrealism, and Experimental Film**

**Wednesday, September 5th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Explore your surrealist side with screenings of Luis Buñuel and Salvador Dalí's film "Un Chien Andalou", and excerpts from Alfred Hitchcock's noir thriller "Spellbound". The screenings will be followed by a discussion with UL Lafayette Professor of English Dayana Stetco.

### **Fall Exhibition Opening Reception**

**Friday, September 7th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

**Exclusive Member Preview 4:00 – 6:00PM**

Join us in celebration of a new season of exhibitions! Drinks, and light refreshments will be generously provided by Bon Temps Grill and Dripping Springs Vodka.

### **Undergraduate Paper Forum**

**Wednesday, September 12th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Spend an evening with UL Lafayette's Art History professor Dr. Christopher Bennett as he presents his students' original research. Students will read from papers written during their time spent in Art History Seminars in the Department of Visual Arts.

### **The Art of Architecture**

**Wednesday, September 19th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Architect and Louisiana State University Professor Ursula Emery McClure, AAR, AIA, LEED AP BD+C will present a lecture discussing architecture and its transition through time.

### **Film Screening with Nick Campbell**

**Wednesday, September 26th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Take a closer look at the A. Hays Town documentary From House to Home with filmmaker Nick Campbell. Campbell will screen the documentary, and spend time talking about his inspiration and artistic process.

### **Bienvenu Lecture**

**Friday, September 28th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

The fourth annual John Bartholomew Bienvenu Lecture will be delivered by Bonnie Pitman, Director Art/Brain Innovations, Center for BrainHealth, and Distinguished Scholar in Residence for the Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History at The University of Dallas at Texas whose presentation will address the Power of Observation.

This event will take place at the LITE Center, 537 Cajundome Boulevard

### **Louisiana French Oral Poetry: Past and Present**

**Wednesday, October 3rd | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Enjoy an evening of music and culture as we delve into the history of the French language in Louisiana and the tradition of oral poetry. presented in partnership with Festivals Acadiens et Créoles.

### **Exploring Francophone Culture**

**Wednesday, October 10th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

CODOFIL will host a panel discussion touching on subjects ranging from the history of their organization to the impact and importance of Francophone culture in Louisiana. presented in partnership with Festivals Acadiens et Créoles.

### **How To Be An Artist**

**Wednesday, October 17th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Learn more about best professional practices for emerging and mid-career artists with the Hilliard's Curator of Exhibitions, Ben Hickey. Ben will touch on a number of useful topics for artists at any point in their careers: from how to present your work to museum professionals, to the best way to ship artwork, and more.

### **Fashion Show with Designer Romey Roe**

**Wednesday, October 24th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Couture comes to the Hilliard as clothing designer Romey Roe hosts a fashion show highlighting this season's newest designs. Roe, a graduate of UL Lafayette, is known around the country, and his work has been worn at numerous red carpet events.

### **Project Rooster Teeth**

**Wednesday, October 31st | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Join local artists Chris Pavlik and Susan David as they paint live on the lawn of the Hilliard Art Museum as part of Freetown Studio's Project Rooster Teeth.

### **The Art of Musical Composition**

**Wednesday, November 7th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Enjoy an evening of live music organized by the UL Lafayette School of Music Staff Composer, Dr. Quincy Hilliard. Students from the department will present live performances of original music scores composed in response to artworks currently on display at the museum.

### **Clementine Hunter and the FBI's Investigation of William J. Troye**

**Wednesday, November 14th | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

FBI Agent Randy Deaton will delve into the investigation of William J. Troye—a convicted forger prosecuted for imitating the works of renowned Louisiana folk artist, Clementine Hunter.

## **Fall 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*

August 10, 2018 – February 9, 2019. *Spotlight on Allan Jones. Past the Frame: Abstraction and Its Environs in the Work of Allan Jones, 1968 – 2018.*

September 7, 2018 – January 19, 2018. *Shirin Neshat: Fervor*

September 7, 2018 – October 14, 2018. *Louisiana French: Myths and Movements.*

This exhibition is presented in partnership with Festivals Acadiens et Créoles.

**Upon request, high-resolution images and full artist 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](http://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.

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