

PRESS RELEASE

Hilliard University Art Museum

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Hilliard Museum to Host Free Family Day

Join us for a special birthday party on Saturday, March 24th and celebrate the 300th anniversary of New Orleans!



Lafayette, LA - The Hilliard University Art Museum invites the community to explore the galleries, participate in hands-on art projects, and more while celebrating the tricentennial of New Orleans! Learn more about the city's unique art, music, and culture through games and activities inspired by the exhibitions currently on display at the museum.

As you explore *Tina Freeman: Artist Spaces*, you can uncover the different gifts New Orleans has given us by finding special packages next to artworks that depict music, food, and architecture. Then head to *Spotlight on Francis Pavy* where you can play I Spy with wetland animals featured in his piece *Lake Arthur Lotus*. There will also be a special section called Eat, Play, Learn for toddlers to explore and learn through hands-on activities. When you're ready to make your own works of art, head to the museum's makers space and create collages using photographs of New Orleans, design a birthday hat, and get your supplies for our second line parade! You can also enjoy playing games on the museum's great lawn with Olympic Grove.

Olympic Grove will also have their pizza truck 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.

This event is presented in partnership with the Junior League of Lafayette, Lafayette Moms Blog, and Moncus Park.

Play Day offers free admission to the community three times a year as a part of the museum's education initiative.

Schedule of Events:

10:00-2:00 (all day) Gallery Games & Hands-on Art Activities

10:30-11:00 Story Time

- 11:30-1:00 Jazz on the Plaza with the Michael Hilbun Trio
- 12:00 Sing Happy Birthday to New Orleans and enjoy some cake
- 1:00-1:45 Pucci Percussion performance
- 1:45 Second Line Parade
- 2:00 Play Day officially ends but the galleries will stay open until 5 PM

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.

Current Exhibitions

February 17, 2018 – May 19, 2018. *Lynda Frese: Holy Memories and Earthly Delights.*

February 3, 2018 – May 12, 2018. *Bill Viola: The Raft.*

September 8, 2017 – May 5, 2018. *Tina Freeman: Artist Spaces*, organized by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, guest curated by Bradley Sumrall.

May 19, 2017 – December 9, 2017. *Spotlight on Francis Pavy.*

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.