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Hilliard University Art Museum

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Friday, March 15, 2019
Fifth Annual Bienvenu Lecture
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

“From North to South: Icons of Mid-Nineteenth Century American Landscape Painting” led by Author and Scholar Dr. Janice Simon

Free and open to the public

LITE Center of Lafayette
537 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette

Lafayette, LA - On Friday, March 25th at 7:00 PM the Hilliard University Art Museum will Dr. Janice Simon as she serves as the guest lecturer for the Fifth Annual John Bartholomew Bienvenu Lecture Series. Dr. Simon is the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor of Art History in the Lamar Dodd School of Art, where she has taught since 1988. This presentation will focus on the artists of the antebellum period whose work now defines American landscape painting.

The lecture is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM in the LITE Center of Lafayette. This LITE Center is located at 537 Cajundome Boulevard. Parking is readily available in the lot adjacent to the center.

Biography:

Dr. Simon is a specialist in American and Modern art, and has contributed to many exhibition catalogs and books, as well as journal articles and conference papers on a wide range of subjects in her field. Her teaching interests extend as well into European modernism and spirituality, modernist photography in America and Europe, and the depiction of modern artists in film. In 2017 she was awarded the “First-Year Odyssey Seminar Teaching Award” by the University of Georgia for her course “Looking at Art in the Georgia Museum of Art.”

About the Series:

John Bartholomew Bienvenu was a much loved citizen of Lafayette who led a varied and full life. A noted psychologist specializing in early childhood diagnostics, John was a graduate of UL Lafayette holding both BA and MA degrees. Near the end of his career, John took a passionate turn towards art, particularly as a watercolor painter with his own unique style, dubbed "Bienvenu Primitive." John was involved with many art associations, including service as the Secretary of the Lafayette Watercolor Guild and President of the Lafayette Art Association. His art received numerous awards and commendations and was sought by many collectors. This passion for art is what inspired Mrs. Gloria Callais to honor the life of her dear brother with the establishment of this lecture series. Mrs. Callais has been a generous supporter and contributor to UL Lafayette and we are honored to share in her brother's legacy at the Hilliard University Art Museum.

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.

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